

Golden Spread Emmaus Board of Directors
December 7, 2013
Potter County Sherriff's Office

Present: Jim Crossman, David Hudson, Carolyn Hurt, David Dzik, Lynn Radney, Pam Stork, Brian Thomas, Martha Duke, Brenda Wilhite, Sharon Alexander, Jim Watkins, Kurt Oheim, Mitch Woodard

Absent: Walt Marlett, Jaci Chadick, Jim Laughlin, Theo McGee

Guest: Roger Radney – Men's Registrar, New Board Members: Lisa Crossman, Mark Wood, Mike Richardson, Carol Roller, Ed Hill, Donnie Allred

Meeting called to order by Jim Crossman.

Opening Prayer given by Jim Watkins

Jim Crossman welcomed the new Board Members for the 2016 class:

Lisa Crossman, Mark Wood, Mike Richardson, Carol Roller, Ed Hill and Donnie Allred – Community Spiritual Director. He also thanked the outgoing board members for their past service: David Hudson, Lynn Radney, Theo McGee and Jim Watkins as Community Spiritual Director.

Treasurer Report

David Dzik distributed copies of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement from November 30, 2013. David indicated that he estimated the costs for the last Men's Walk at \$10,150.00 as he has not received the bill yet from Ceta Canyon. David also distributed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement from November 30, 2013 for Chrysalis. Jeff Beasley indicated he spent \$163.00 for binders for board members.

David indicated that he has had two returned checks from pilgrims Ramon and Jessica Zalce. Both pilgrims were sponsored by Peggy Adams. Carolyn volunteered to contact Peggy regarding these returned checks.

David indicated that Mike Wence from Ceta Canyon contacted him regarding the need to raise the rates for Ceta's charges by 2%. David will do an analysis on the past costs for Ceta and will send this information to board members to review for discussion at the next board meeting.

David also questioned if we wanted to renew the Tap-Tap Agreement for another year. This is the service we utilize for text messaging Emmaus Board and Community members. Everyone agreed that this was a worthwhile expense.

Motion made by Brian Thomas and seconded by Pam Stork to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2013 and to also renew the Tap-Tap Agreement for another year.

Minutes Approval

Minutes from the October 3rd board meeting were previously distributed on email. No corrections were voiced via email. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Brenda Wilhite and seconded by Pam Stork.

Walk #236

Brian Thomas indicated he had a great walk. There were 38 pilgrims on the walk. He discussed the health issues of Walt Marlett following the closing ceremonies of the Walk. He reported that Walt was doing much better. Also discussed was the issue of the photographer posting pictures of the walk on Facebook. Everyone agreed that this was not appropriate and this will be noted in the training for the photographers in the future. BST Coordinators should also remind the photographers not to post pictures.

Walk #237

Brenda reported they have had their second team meeting. There is a sweet spirit on this team. Laura and John are doing an incredible job.

Walk #238

Mitch indicated they have had one team meeting so far and everything is going well.

Chrysalis Update

Jeff indicated Chrysalis flights have been scheduled with DeFalco through 2017. The next girls flight Lay Director will be Dawn Dial and Deborah Heiner will be Spiritual Director. Mike Richardson will be the Lay Director for the next boy's flight. Spiritual Director has been contacted but no confirmation yet. Jeff indicated the last Chrysalis Board meeting was cancelled due to weather. The next meeting will be sometime in January. He also indicated the Chrysalis Bylaws have been finalized and are ready for signatures.

Committee Assignments

Jim Crossman solicited candidates for the Assistant Community Lay Director for this year – who will then be Community Lay Director next year. Nominations from the floor included Lisa Crossman and Brian Thomas. They were excused from the room for voting. Brian Thomas won the vote for ACLD.

Jim Crossman indicated a need for a change in the Bylaws. Team Selection Committee has been co-chaired by the Registrars this past year due to the resignation of Denise Farris half way through the year. Due to the new data base system and Roger and Carolyn pulling the Team Selection lists, this has worked out very well. Everyone agreed that this has worked out well and should continue as long as there is a Board member on the Team Selection Committee. Carolyn will prepare a draft of the Bylaw revision to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Other Discussion

Leadership Development training has been scheduled for February 1 from 8am – 5pm at Hillside South Campus. All board members are strongly encouraged to be in attendance. Lunch specifics will be determined at a later date.

Time constraints on Candlelight was brought up for discussion. In the recent past, pilgrims have not been prayed for individually due to time constraints. Kurt volunteered to work with Sharon on a time line for Candlelight for more structure to allow the individual prayer time.

Brian discussed a concern regarding safety issues in the last two walks when team members/pilgrims have been injured. There have been several people who felt the need for hands on prayers of the injured people and this has hindered medical care. Brian suggested that if people are not medically trained, that they should stand clear of the immediate area to allow medical personal room to function. This can be stressed in the newsletter to the community and team members.

Kurt and Brian also discussed the issue of the 6 additional pilgrims that had responded and were confirmed for Brian's walk. It became necessary to contact 4 of the men to tell them that the walk was full even though they had already cleared their schedules. It was recommended that we abide by the Bylaws and stick to 36 pilgrims. It becomes difficult to handle more than 36 pilgrims with the table and room accommodations.

Agape Sign In Sheets were discussed and the need to modify drinks/food categories. Also suggested was to add an additional \$25.00 for the Lay Director's. This change will start on the Men's August walk.

The Prayer Vigil time slots were discussed. When the Prayer Vigil is presented to the Lay Director, all specific time slots should be listed next to each person's name rather than just a list of all the community members praying.

Team Selections

Team Selection lists were reviewed for Women's Walk # 239 for Lynn Radney and for Men's Walk # 240 for John Alexander. Motion made by Brian Thomas and seconded by Mitch Woodard for approval of the lists.

The Board presented gift cards to Jim Crossman as Community Lay Director and Jim Watkins for Community Spiritual Director for their service to Emmaus this past year.

Jim Crossman thanked everyone for their service on the board and distributed nail crosses for everyone.

In keeping with the tradition at the end of each year, the outgoing Community Spiritual Director and Lay Director presented a special communion service for all board members. Thank you to Jim Watkins and Jim Crossman.

Closing Prayer was given by Donnie Allred.