

Golden Spread Emmaus Board of Directors
February 28, 2013
First Christian Church, Pampa

Present: Jim Crossman, Carolyn Hurt, Jim Laughlin, Walt Marlett, Brenda Wilhite, Jaci Chaddick, Theo McGee, Jim Watkins, Brian Thomas

Absent: David Hudson, Mitch Woodard, David Dzik, Lynn Radney, Pam Stork, Kurt Oheim, Denise Farris, Sharon Alexander

Guest: Roger Radney – Men's Registrar

Meeting called to order by Jim Crossman

Opening Prayer given by Brian Thomas

NOTE: Since a large number of Board Members were absent from this meeting, the meeting consisted of discussions only. No actions were taken and no items were voted on.

Treasurer Report

David Dzik was not present at the meeting so no Treasurer's Report was given.

Minutes Approval

Minutes from January 17, 2013 were previously distributed.

Walk # 231

Theo McGee was the Inside Board Representative for Women's Walk # 231. Ronay Bryan-Back was Lay Director and Tom Stribling was Spiritual Director. Theo indicated this was an amazing walk. She discussed numerous issues of concern.

1. Safety concerns for the risers in the chapel. One of the ALD's fell during Candlelight which resulted in broken ribs. Jim Crossman has been in discussion with Ceta Canyon as this is the 3rd incident in the past several years where someone has fallen on the risers.
2. Ability of clergy team to perform duties. Two of the clergy were recovering from recent surgeries and needed a lot of assistance. One of the other clergy was very confused and seemed overwhelmed at her responsibilities and often in a state of confusion. The other clergy seemed to lack initiative. The Spiritual Director performed all the duties of Dying Moments alone – none of the other clergy assisted with this at all. Suggestions were made on developing a Clergy Evaluation Form to be completed by the Walk Spiritual Director. Jim Wilhite had previously been contacted to see if an evaluation form had been developed and he indicated there was no such form, but it was certainly a good idea to develop this. Jim Wilhite currently maintains a list of all the active clergy and input from the walk weekends would certainly be helpful for the clergy spreadsheet.

3. Concern addressed over husband/wife teams on the same walk. The Board discussed this at length and the Team Selection Committee will be made aware of the concerns in the future when selecting teams.
4. Suggestions presented on doing a complete walk through with the entire team before the actual walk weekend. There was one table leader who sat with her back to her table during all the talks. Other suggestions were made on duties and roles of the ALD's.
5. Golf cart issues were also addressed. The large cart was broken and the smaller cart was used the majority of the time. Three clergy members needed to ride in the cart on every occasion and several pilgrims also needed the cart. Often times, activities were delayed due to the shuffling of so many people on the carts.

Ronay and Tom also provided a written overview of the weekend. These comments have been shared with Jim Crossman as Community Lay Director. Due to the comments from LD, SD and IBR, everyone agreed that it might be more helpful to have the LD/SD/IBR training closer to the actual walks than scheduling 6-8 months in advance.

Walk #232

Jim Crossman is IBR for Mitch Woodard's Walk in March. He reported the team meetings are going great. There is one more team meeting scheduled in early March.

Walk #233

Carolyn reported on Walk 233 – Jimi Hudson's Walk in April. Another team member has dropped off and Jimi has contacted two other people to fill the Table Leader position. She is waiting to hear back from them. It was discussed that we can have a Past Lay Director step in to fill the slot if needed. Theo also volunteered to step in for the Table Leader position but indicated she would only be able to attend one of the two remaining team meetings due to prior commitments.

Community March

Walt Marlett indicated that Community Gathering would be at the Colonies Church of Christ on March 28th.

Alvarado Road Show

Jim Crossman indicated that the March Alvarado Road Show has been cancelled. There were scheduling conflicts with the band coming to Amarillo. It may be rescheduled for a later date.

Chrysalis Update

Brian expressed concern that there has not been a Chrysalis Board meeting for 2 months. He indicated that Jeff Beasley has been out of town a lot. Concern also expressed over Brady Clark, Spiritual Director being too overstretched. His main focus was to network with campus youth pastors and this has not been done. Brian expressed concern that Chrysalis is losing the enthusiasm and commitment from the youth. The Board suggested that Brian and Jim Laughlin talk to Jeff Beasley about scheduling future meetings. Brian volunteered to serve as Assistant Community Lay Director and Jim Laughlin stay as the Chrysalis Liaison. Jim Crossman

indicated that the Emmaus Board can step in to provide additional structure and guidance if needed.

Technology Committee Update

Carolyn indicated that VanMcNeese is working with a new Webmaster on developing the template for our Website. We were previously under the guidance of Larry Deel who is our IMS Data Base developer. He has indicated he will host the website but he cannot help with the development. Van and the new Webmaster had a conference call last Friday and we are waiting on their report. Carolyn reported that she and Roger had a conference call 2 weeks ago with Jim Robertson who is the IT person with the Plainview Emmaus Community and they use the IMS Data base also. Jim indicated they are only using it for Team Selection. He walked us through their process. Carolyn and Roger then had a WebX training with Larry Deel last Tuesday on three pages of issues with the data base. The teams and pilgrims from Walks 227, 228, 229 and 230 were not migrated over to the new data base when the transition was done in November. These needed to be restructured and Carolyn and Roger have been working with Jeff Beasley through the Team Selection lists and the Lay Directors from all 4 of those walks to reconstruct the lists. The lists have been finalized and sent to Larry. He will lock our data base on Monday to upload the lists. We have a WebX scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th to go over the final process for Team Selection. We will then update the spread sheets for Team Selection and schedule a meeting for the August Men's Walk.

Sound System Discussion Update

Due to the meeting being in Pampa tonight, Danny Roeder was not able to attend to give an update on the sound system. He will come to the April Board meeting.

Other Discussion

Camp Sites for Ceta Canyon were discussed. Several community members who come from Memphis, Pampa, etc. have expressed an interest in bringing their travel trailers to Ceta Canyon for the weekends during walks instead of driving back and forth all weekend. Jim Crossman will talk to Ceta Canyon about this.

The March 7th Board Meeting is cancelled since we met tonight. The May 2nd Board meeting will be moved to May 9th. May 2nd will be the Emmaus Community Gathering at St. Stephens East following Jimi Hudson's walk.

Discussion regarding attendance for Board meetings. Is there discussion from the Nominating Committee with prospective new board members on the importance and expectations of attending all the board meetings? Should there be a required number of board meetings to attend? This is a full working board with committee assignments and updates that need to be made monthly. These are issues that will be discussed at the next board meeting when more are in attendance.

Closing Prayer given by Jim Watkins.