

Emmaus Board Meeting – October 19, 2013

Members present: Mickey and Debbie Tuggle, Dave Bliss, Jason Thomas, Brad and Shirley Lockhart, Bob and Donna Smith, Susan Asberry, Larry Elliott, Eddie Merriman.

The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer by Eddie Merriman. Donna Smith requested prayer for Amy Miller, Smithville, TN (Walk #89) and her young family.

Old Business: Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Mickey Tuggle motioned to approve, and seconded by Jason Thomas.

Dave Bliss reported that all the updates from the Upper Room for the Men's Walk manuals have been copied and all manuals updated and stored. He noted the Prayer Chapel Manuals were missing and he agreed to contact Molly Talent to see if they are with the Women's Walk manuals. Larry Elliott suggested ordering another one if necessary.

New Business:

Treasury Report: Mark Travis was out of town and the Treasury Report was not available for review. A Treasury Report should be available for the next board meeting. Eddie noted that Mark has agreed to serve one more year as Treasurer.

Written Reports on Men's Walk #91

Eddie reported that Dave Bliss, Board Rep, and Tom Stephens, Lay Director, had submitted written reports to him. Dave said it had been a blessing to serve. It was suggested that team attendance forms continue to be used at team meetings for team accountability. Also, that it be stressed in team training that LUMC was a tobacco free facility and this included not smoking or the use of snuff or other tobacco products except in designated areas.

Written Reports on Women's Walk #92

Molly Talent was not present so Eddie commented on the excellent and detailed written report submitted by Christina Conley. She submitted an example of a critique sheet and the use of a questionnaire for Table Leader training that utilizes the Training Manual for the answers. These tools may be considered for future walks. Susan Asberry also noted that the Clergy Table had been moved against the side wall instead of the back of room and this helped with the noise and should also be considered for future walks.

Shirley Lockhart raised a concern about the availability of the Prayer Chapel Team during the 72 hour walk. It was clarified that they were allowed to leave once the talks were finished for the day if they chose to do so.

Lay Directors for March Walks

Eddie reported that Steve Neer has agreed to be the Lay Director for Men's Walk #93, March 6-9, 2014 and Patricia Copeland had agreed to be the Lay Director for Women's Walk #94, March 20-23, 2014.

Team selection will be held on Saturday November 9 at 9:00AM at Smithville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Smithville, TN rather than Livingston United

Methodist Church as previously reported due to a conflict with the Real Love Heals Conference.

2014 Emmaus Walk Dates

The following dates were submitted for the 2014 calendar:

Men's Walk #93 – March 6-9
Women's Walk #94 – March 20-23
Women's Walk #95 – July 17-20
Men's Walk #96 – September 4-7
Women's Walk #97 – September 18-21

Newsletter 2013

Eddie noted that the deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is looming. All submissions should be sent to Bob Smith no later than November 9th. To date, Bob has not received any information from the various committee members. Bob will submit the information to Gail Roysden to post on the Emmaus Website by November 16th. Suggestions for inclusion could be an article about Gatherings and the responsibility of the host church (Amanda West), the need for additional emcees and talent for the Walks (Cindy Edwards), nominees to the board, etc.

Nominations for the Board

Eddie asked the board to prayerfully consider names to be submitted for the 5 board members openings that will occur at the end of this year. Suggestions from the board were: Gary Johnson, Crystal Phillips, Bobby Poston, Heather Cornette, Josh Beasley, Jennifer Officer, Wanda Tramel, Janice Wood, Jesse Tucker, Tom Stephens, Al Yost, Lisa Cripps.

Larry Elliott suggested also contacting those persons that were nominated last year and not elected to see if they were still willing to serve if elected.

Eddie asked the board to also assist in the contact of people.

Nominations are due by November 9th. All nominees will be posted in the newsletter November 16th with on-line voting to close on December 10.

Gatherings 2014

The board discussed the sometimes low attendance at Gatherings and what can we, as a board, do to increase attendance and make the Gatherings more appealing to the community. It was suggested that we consider creating a list of praise teams, drama teams, musicians, etc. that would be willing to participate at the Gatherings. Also continue to let the community know that Gatherings are not exclusive but open to anyone as a time of praise, worship and fellowship.

Larry Elliot suggested Centerville as a possible Gathering site for 2014. Deb Tuggle will share this information with Amanda West.

Chrysalis/Journey Information

The date for the next Chrysalis Flight is December 26-28, 2013 and the next Journey will be January

Susan Asberry asked the Emmaus Board to be in prayer for the Chrysalis Board as they seek nominations for the positions that will be open as 8 board members roll off this year. They have 8 nominations so far.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Donna Smith brought up an issue with the food vendor. Larry suggested they coordinate with the kitchen and Eddie to see if another vendor should be considered. This change should be brought to the Board for approval. It was also recommended that Donna/Bob ensure that Mark is getting the appropriate credits on the bill before it is paid.

Larry Elliott asked the board to consider investigating the cost of equipment for the hearing impaired that can be used during a Walk in the conference room.

With no other concerns, motion was made to close by Bob Smith and seconded by Jason Thomas.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Susan Asberry.

The next gathering (no board meeting) will be at the Chrysalis Candlelight in Livingston on December 27th at 8PM.