

Emmaus Board Meeting February 17, 2013

The monthly board meeting of Emmaus of the Cumberland was called to order by the Community Lay Director, Eddie Merriman, on February 16, 2013 at Doyle UMC.

Randy Graff opened the meeting with prayer.

Those members present were Susan Asberry, Shirley Lockhart, Brad Lockhart, Dave Bliss, Amanda West, Mark Travis, Jason Thomas, Mickey Tuggle, Randy Graff, Rachel Graff, Katherine Pack, Donna Smith, Wanda Tramel and Eddie Merriman.

The treasurer's report was presented. The checking account balance is \$1085.86. Mickey Tuggle made a motion which was seconded by Jason Thomas and passed to accept the report.

The minutes of the January meeting were sent to everyone via email. Eddie Merriman reported that Craig Green accepted the position of Community Spiritual Director. Katherine Pack made a motion which was seconded by Dave Bliss and passed accepting the minutes as presented.

The upcoming March Walks # 88 and #89 were discussed.

Set-Up/ Take Down: Dave Bliss and Jason Thomas reported that "set up and take down" was usually manned adequately. Jason asked if life groups from local churches could be contacted for assistance. Dave said he would make contacts with this request. A question arose concerning pilgrims (particularly women) removing their mattresses to hallway or downstairs on Sunday morning. It was agreed that agape or setup/take down crew shall handle the removal of the mattresses.

Agape: Shirley Lockhart reported concerns of agape teams eating with Pilgrims. She said she was trying to get an all men agape team for the men's walks. Mickey spoke of buying color coded containers for agape supplies and would see what is actually needed. Donna Smith was commended for her work with agape.

Kitchen: Eddie reported that Carol Netherton heads up the Kitchen. The Graff's mentioned housing the kitchen volunteers in the available space in the restaurant building.

Prayer Charts: Susan Asberry explained how the Prayer Charts and those signing up for prayer time online are combined. Eddie commented that there is no training for Prayer chapel. An experienced prayer chapel worker is enlisted to lead inexperienced workers to guarantee uniformity in all walks.

Nursery: Eddie informed the group that he will check with Larry Elliott concerning volunteers for the nursery.

Sponsor Hour: David reported that sponsor's hour will be in the sanctuary for upcoming walks.

LED Candles: Dave Bliss had investigated the LED candles that were discussed in the January meeting. No decision was made since more options need to be explored.

The Leadership Development Event 2013 for Community Core Training will be on July 27th in Chattanooga. Eddie encouraged new board members to attend.

Womens Walk # 90: Eddie informed the board that a Lay Director has been selected and he was awaiting her reply. Team training will be scheduled in March.

Chrysalis/Journey News: Donnie Huff, Community Lay Director for Chrysalis/Journey, shared the progress and success of the recent Chrysalis and Journey Flights. He stated the need for more volunteers. After discussion, motion was made by Mickey and seconded by Susan and passed to revise the volunteer service sheet to include all three areas of service (Emmaus, Chrysalis, Journey). Anyone working with underage children will need to have a background check at the cost of \$11.00.

Closing Comments: Eddie emphasized the need for sponsorship training. Donna shared that everyone who is called to serve on a team needs to know about the \$40 fee needed to help with food etc. Everyone, except clergy, is required to pay this fee. Mickey mentioned that he would like to see someone from each church represented in the Emmaus of the Cumberland community to be a spokesperson for making announcements and keeping others informed of the walks, gatherings etc.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at Livingston United Methodist Church on March 23rd at 6:30.

Meeting Dismissed: A motion was made by Mickey and seconded by Randy and carried to close the meeting. Mickey led the closing prayer.