

EMMAUS BOARD MEETING – March 22, 2014

Members Present: Rhonda England, Brad Lockhart, Eddie Merriman, David Bliss, Donna Smith, Bob Smith, Donna Tipton, Mickey Tuggle, Debbie Tuggle, Al Yost, Shirley Lockhart, Gary Johnson, Wanda Tramel, Jason Thomas, Susan Asberry, Amanda West, Heather Cornette

The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer by Eddie Merriman.

OLD BUSINESS:

Correction to January 19, 2014 minutes: Areas of service needed should read “Assistant Community Lay Director” instead of “Assistant Lay Director”.

Minutes approved after corrections by Mickey Tuggle and seconded by Brad Lockhart.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Deferred – Mark is out of town

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Men’s Walk #93 update: Report submitted by the Walk’s Lay Director stated very few issues.

Concerns voiced by the Lay Director were:

- a. Missing equipment: Eddie Merriman stressed that set-up and preparation night is Wednesday, not Thursday. This issue will be stressed in Lay Director training.
- b. Concern over clergy/spiritual director not being at all team meetings: there was an unforeseen change in some positions within the clergy. Eddie will speak with clergy about this directly.
- c. Request that team selection for the March walks be started in September due to the scheduling difficulties that the holidays and weather brings.

Concerns voiced about Walk # 93 and #94 by the board were:

- a. It needs to be stressed during team meeting that the responsibility of the table leaders and the speakers does not end once the pilgrim gets their cross. The table is to stay together through the letter reading process. We have pilgrims with special needs and we need to be sensitive to these issues. It was decided that this topic would be added to the Lay Director training session.
- b. Bob and Donna Smith asked for clarification from the Board about their duties and the duties of the Kitchen Coordinator during the walk in regards to set up. It was clarified by Eddie Merriman that the Board rep for the kitchen is to order the supplies/food, be here to receive and verify the order and ensure it gets to the refrigerator. Wednesday night is set up for all team members. It is the responsibility of the Kitchen Coordinator for that particular walk to bring up their supplies from the basement and to ensure the return of supplies to their storage location after the walk is completed.
- c. Can the registrar email special dietary needs that are written on the pilgrim application to either the Lay Director or the Kitchen Coordinator? Walk #94 had 9 diabetics that the kitchen was unaware of. It was decided that this area would be stressed by the 4th day Board members at the 4th day gathering in relation to sponsorship duties. Eddie will ask the registrar if this is a possibility. It was recommended by Susan Asberry that a sponsor training meeting be held before each walk.

Men’s Walk #93 update: Given by Jason Thomas (Board Rep)

- a. 4 team members did not pay their fee. Eddie to follow up with this.
- b. Supplies were an issue. Again, Wednesday is set up. The team should not leave Wednesday until all supplies verified.
- c. One talk took 50 minutes due to power point issues. It was decided to reiterate to the team that if they do not use a visual aide in their preview, they can not use it on the walk.
- d. There was a questions regarding communion on Friday morning. It was asked that this be clarified in the manual.

2. Women's Walk # 94 update: Given by Wanda Tramel (Board Rep)

Walk is progressing well. God is moving. Continued prayer appreciated.

Concern voiced: Wanda praised Agape for the number of inexperienced community members they are training. She voiced concern that this is not happening in regards to music and the prayer chapel. It was decided to emphasize the importance of having one experienced and one inexperienced team member in all areas to the Lay Director and the Assistant Lay Directors during team selection and during Lay Director training. The training of new community is vital to success of the Emmaus of the Cumberland.

3. Color of Grace CD's:

Eddie will speak with Mark regarding payment of CD's.

A motion was made by Mickey Tuggle that no Agape be paid for in the future. Seconded by Brad Lockhart. Vote taken and Approved.

4. Areas of Service: Corrections to the Emmaus of the Cumberland Website under Board duties:

Heather Cornette: Secretary/Team Manual Coordinator/Prayer Charts

Debbie Tuggle: Nursery/Prayer Charts/4th day Women's

Donna Tipton: Entertainment/Reunion groups

5. Leadership Development Training: August 16th, 2014

Hamilton First United Methodist Church

3105 Hamilton Church Road

Antioch, TN.

6. Chrysalis/Journey Information: Deferred – Darrian Barlow not present

7. Other concerns:

- a. Helium - no longer available.

- b. Bob Smith asked permission to get quotes from other vendors – approved.

- c. David Bliss asked that Set – Up sheets be added to the team manuals. Copy given to Heather Cornette to add to the manuals.

- d. It was asked that sponsorship be a topic at gatherings.

- e. Eddie Merriman to get a cost for ordering the booklets on sponsorship from the Upper Room.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Shirley Lockhart.