

Emmaus Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2019

I Am Worship Church, Cookeville TN

Attendees: Eleanor York, David York, Billy Martin, Chad Richardson, DeeDee Miller, Ashley Ogletree, Barb Davis, Lillie D Vaughn-Johnson, Phil Tollett, Dana London, Megan Reeder, Madeline Hunley, Ariel Carr, Christian Cudney, Ginger Cudney, Monroe Smith, Sherry Huck

Absentees: Marsha Dillard, Haley Milton, Jimmy Jack Walker, Steve Elkins, Emery Smith, Will Mullins, Callie Swallows, Don Hunter, Louise Owens, Tim Tinkel, Sarah Tinkel, Matt King, Timothy Dillard, Gabriel Colwell, Shaun Collins, Randall Stockton, Joya Cole

- I. Opening Prayer** – Pastor Phil Tollett
- II. Welcome to the Board**
 - A. Madeline Hunley presided at the meeting in Matt King’s absence.
 1. Next Meeting is scheduled at Smithville UMC, September 19, 4:00pm
 2. October’s meeting is not yet scheduled due to the recent chaos and changes concerning Livingston UMC and First Church.
- III. Old Business**
 - A. The Amendments passed at our previous meeting allowing a simple majority to suffice.
 - B. As noted in the previous minutes, Pastor Craig Green resigned as spiritual director due to the conflicts between First Church, Livingston TN and the United Methodist Denomination.
 - C. The July Minutes were approved after a motion by Lillie D Vaughn-Johnson, seconded by Eleanor York with a unanimous vote.
- IV. New Business**
 - A. The new location for September walks will be Smithville UMC
 - B. Upcoming walks
 1. September Men’s Emmaus Walk #120, September 5-8
 - a. Lay Director – Eddie Merriman #931-808-8300
 - b. Eddie does not yet have a board rep.
 2. September Women’s Emmaus Walk #121, September 19-22
 - a. Lay Director – Beth Gill #931-316-0196
 - C. McMinnville First UMC was broached as a possible future site. Phil Tollett agreed to follow-up.
 - D. Madeline Hunley reminded everyone in attendance of the upcoming elections and the need for nominations by September’s meeting.
 1. At least 12 positions need nominations.
 2. Eleanor York noted the need to draw from other communities, but once again, the question, “What is a good method to reach into other groups and communities?”
 - E. Jim Miller, Emmaus Treasurer, submitted his resignation, effective immediately, due to the upheaval and controversy currently affecting the Upper Room and the United Methodist Denomination.
 - F. Phil Tollett was nominated to fill the spiritual director position.
 1. Phil agreed to accept the position through the end of the year with a stipulation:
 - a. The position would be up for nominations and included in the upcoming elections. His name could be submitted along with others for a vote.

**Lillie Vaughn moved to accept Phil Tollett as Spiritual Director through the end of the year. Christian Cudney seconded, all were in favor.

G. Phil Tollett also spoke to the importance of not using walks or flights for counseling opportunities or salvation experiences, but rather to grow the existing Christian and strengthen churches. He also addressed how to be a sponsor and give support to the pilgrim or butterfly along with acquiring good prayer support in the community.

1. There was additional discussion concerning the need for sponsor training.
2. Monroe Smith spoke to the value of putting the most important letters in the bag first for the walk/flight attendee.

H. The Upper Room website controversy commanded extensive discussion.

1. There seemed to be a consensus that the website is moving in a direction spiritually contrary to our position. As a result, there is a general interest in pursuing alternative 4th Day ministries.
2. Christian Cudney has been contacted by a representative from Tres Dias, an alternative 4th Day ministry offering their services. Christian noted two Tres Dias representatives that he will follow up with.
 - a. Ron Stanley, #615-506-4216
 - b. Aaron Mason, #931-265-8137
3. Christian will extend an invitation to Aaron Mason to speak at the October meeting to educate the board regarding their ministry and services.
4. Madeline Hunley asked everyone to research Tres Dias and post any information in GroupMe app.

I. Service Areas

1. ALD Training – No Report – Monroe has been out due to illness
2. Set-Up and Take-Down
 - a. August 24th, 8:00am, is scheduled to move Emmaus equipment and supplies from Livingston UMC to Smithville UMC.
 - b. Some discussion took place regarding the upcoming walks and those involved. All matters appear to be resolved and plans in motion to move needed items to Smithville.
3. Kitchen – some adjustments were needed to serve the next walk, but the Cudneys did a walk through and made the necessary changes. Christian and Ginger will oversee the next two walks to make sure everything runs well. Also, the kitchen crew needs new recruits.
4. Agape – A list of needs was submitted including crosses.
5. Entertainment – No Report
6. Prayer Chart – Prayer charts are completed
7. Book Table – Phil Tollett volunteered some new books.
8. Communications/Website – More member info is needed to place in data base.

J. Treasurer Reports

1. Chrysalis/Journey account balance \$1,264.04
2. Emmaus account balance \$18,067.31
3. Bank account errors are now resolved and ACH can restart.

V. **Closing**

Monroe Smith closed the meeting in prayer.