

Heartland Faithful Emmaus Community Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2010

Attending: Ron Blue, Dean Bower, Craig Collins, Jim Daugherty, Bob Hennings, Scott Herring, Kristi Hicks, Jacob Malousek, Doug Jones, Tara Otis, Fred Pilecki, Les Reimer (presiding), and Linda Riley.

Les Reimer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in Room 227 at Faith-Westwood UMC. Pastor Pilecki gave the Opening Prayer.

The minutes of the December 4 meeting were introduced. Les Reimer recommended the word "budget" be changed to "report." The change was acceptable. Scott Herring moved the minutes be approved as amended. Doug Jones seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Les Reimer gave the treasurer's report. Income for the past month was \$55.00. This was from a deposit for a candidate for Walk #5, and the purchase of manuals by a Board member. Expenses for the past month were \$47.64. This was for miscellaneous supplies for the August, 2009 picnic. The current account balance is \$7,747.33. A motion was made to approve the report and it was approved.

Old Business:

- 1 **Update on Review of Community Accounting / Finances:** Les Reimer reported that he had not heard from the auditor about the review. He said he would call to inquire about progress.
- 2 **Board Training Session(s):** There are two training sessions. The first session covers the Board members responsibilities. The second session covers Walk leaders' responsibilities. Each session is approximately 4 hours. Les recommended that everyone attend both sessions. A consensus was reached that the training would be scheduled for January 30, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Les Reimer will verify Marv Dorsey's (WTE Regional Trainer) availability.

New Business:

- 1 **Election of Officers:** Kristi Hicks volunteered to be the Vice-Chair. Ron Blue volunteered to replace Les as Treasurer. Dean Bower volunteered to be Secretary. Linda Riley moved the slate be adopted. Doug Jones seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative to accept the volunteers to the positions.

- 2 **Assignment of Committee Chairs:** Les Reimer encouraged all attendees to volunteer for a Board Chair position. Volunteers and their positions were:

Doug Jones – Facilities
Dean Bower – Gatherings
Jim Daugherty – Group Reunions
Jacob Malousek – Kitchen
Tara Otis – Music / Entertainment
Andy Baumert – Newsletter / Communications (via email)
Lisa Freeburg – Prayer (via email)
Kristi Hicks – Registrar
Phyllis Vculek – Sponsor’s Hour / Candlelight (via email)
Scott Herring – Supply / Literature
Linda Riley – Team Selection

Les Reimer had an email from Ron Gaddis offering to serve where needed. Les will contact Ron Gaddis to verify that he will accept the Agape Chair position.

The Board consensus was to accept the volunteers into the requested positions.

- 3 **Letter of Agreement for 2010:** Les Reimer read a letter from Emmaus National. The Annual Agreement was circulated to allow each Board member to sign.
- 4 **Annual Community Picnic:** The original date for the picnic, August 22, was not available at Camp Gene Eppley. Les Reimer recommended changing the date to Saturday, August 15. Kristi Hicks moved to change the date to August 15. Linda Riley seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.
- 5 **Review of Proposed Revisions to the Candidate and Sponsor Application Forms:** The discussion was wide-ranging. There had been concern in the past regarding approval for one spouse to attend without the other. It was decided that each of those situations would be decided as they came up.

Bob Hennings reported that the Candidate Application and the Sponsor Information Form have been updated. Many of the questions regarding personal information about the candidate on the Sponsor Information Form have been deleted. Discussions were held about eliminating one other sentence on that form. A motion was made to accept the changes to the forms and it was approved.

Les Reimer was concerned with some of the language on the reverse of the Candidate application. The Board consensus was to leave that language as is to facilitate having a viable application available on the website.

Finally, Kristi Hicks volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to develop an information form for workers at the Walks. She reported that emergency contact and medical information needed at the last Walk for a worker had not been available. The Board consensus was that Kristi Hicks should go forward with the idea.

Pastor's Points: Pastor Pilecki pointed out that the community needed to be in prayer for the September Walks now. He said that Satan is already attacking Candidates and Workers.

Pastor Collins talked of hearing a lady say that she was ready for Christmas to be over. He quoted Scripture by saying, "I bring good news of great joy" as a way of telling us there is hope for all. There is hope beyond all problems.

Volunteer to Make Announcements at January 15 Gathering: Les Reimer will make the announcements as a way of introducing himself and the Board. He will also announce the Community still needs climate controlled space for the trailer.

Dean Bower distributed the 2010 Gathering Schedule noting that venues were needed for June 18 and July 16. Dean also noted that host churches were needed for May 21, June 18, July 16, September 17, and November 19.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Collins gave the Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 5, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Faith-Westwood UMC.

Adjournment: Les Reimer adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.