

# Heartland Faithful Emmaus Community Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2010

Attending: Andy Baumert, Ron Blue, Dean Bower, Lisa Freeburg, Ron Gaddis, Bob Hennings, Scott Herring, Kristi Hicks, Jacob Malousek, Tara Otis, Fred Pilecki, Les Reimer (presiding), and Phyllis Vculek.

Les Reimer called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM in Room 227 at Faith-Westwood UMC. Pastor Fred Pilecki offered the Opening Prayer.

**Secretary's Reports:** The January 8 minutes were approved. Les requested one change to the February 5 minutes. The February 5 minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Reports:**

**January:** Ron Blue reported that \$370.80 was deposited for Gathering and 2 manuals. January expense was \$30.00 for Gathering childcare. The January report was approved.

**February:** Deposits totaled \$334.95 from the Gathering and extra pizza money collected at the Board Training. Expenses included \$30.00 for Gathering childcare, \$8.04 for Gathering supplies, and \$128.65 to Upper Room for Purple Books.

**Balance:** The account balance as of the Board meeting is \$8,223.39.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Update On Review of Community Accounting / Finances:** Les reported the auditors are busy with tax season and had not yet provided an evaluation.
- 2. Update on Spiritual Directors for Walks #4 and #5:** Pastor Fred reported that Pastor Craig Finnestad has committed to Spiritual Director for Walk #4. He has not found a SD for Walk #5. He will expand his recruitment efforts to staff Walk #5.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Support For Our Regional IAC Member and the IAC New Community Start-up Fund:** The Heartland Faithful Emmaus Community will donate \$200 to support the start-up fund, and donate \$150 to Marv Dorsey to underwrite a portion of his travel expenses to attend the April meeting.
- 2. Board Position Vacancy Announcement:** Les read an email from Doug Jones giving his resignation as Facilities Chair. Doug's company has reassigned him to a long-term project in Virginia. Les will recruit a replacement.
- 3. Handling Procedure for Volunteer Sign-Up Forms:** Two Volunteer Sign-Up Forms were obtained at the February 19 Gathering. It was determined that Les would notify the appropriate chair(s) of interests on the forms. The forms will be kept on file. The Registrar database will be updated to include information from the forms.
- 4. Review and Approval of the Newsletter:** Minor changes and omissions were noted for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter newsletter. The newsletter was approved.
- 5. Community By-laws Review:** Les reminded Board members that we must consistently consult, and abide by, the Community By-Laws.

## Committee Reports

1. **Agape:** Ron Gaddis reported he has sent twenty letters requested by other communities. He is also developing a wall poster for Chrysalis. Ron also had the concern that, while HFWTE is telling other Communities we will be praying for them, we probably are not getting it accomplished. In the future, Ron and Lisa will be providing information to Kris Eschliman for an item in the weekly email blast about Walks in other Communities.
2. **Facilities:** No report.
3. **Kitchen:** Jacob reported that menus have been developed. He will be working with Camp Gene Eppley staff to coordinate kitchen use and procedures. He will also need to know the budget per meal to finalize the menus.
4. **Music / Entertainment:** No report.
5. **Prayer:** Lisa will work with Ron Gaddis to insure Kris Eschliman has accurate lists of Walks in other Communities.
6. **Sponsors' Hour / Candlelight:** No report.
7. **Registrar:** The pewter crosses are being replaced with a wood version. Kristi will research suppliers for a suitable necklace. She will also research to find a nametag lanyard which does not have a clasp which chafes the back of some necks.
8. **Supply/Literature:** Scott presented invoices for Gathering supplies.
9. **Group Reunions:** Jim was absent due to illness. His email report stated that he will soon have the Group Reunion list revised for 2010. He also is working towards training initiatives to renew interest in Group Reunions.
10. **Gatherings:** Dean reported attendance at the February Gathering was 45. The next Gathering is March 19.
11. **Newsletter / Communications:** Andy will pass requested newsletter changes to Kris to get the newsletter published on the website.
12. **Team Selection:** Linda reported via email that she has formed a Team Selection Team with a first meeting scheduled for March 20. Her team consists of Pastor Fred, Marshall Peterson (Walk #4 Lay Director), Karen Lakeman (Walk #5 Lay Director), and three men and three women.

## Pastor's Points

Pastor Fred reminded us that Lent is manmade and not mentioned in the Bible. It is an excellent time for the Board to invoke examination and accountability as is done in a Group Reunion. We should always be evaluating how our lives look to God. Lent is a time to repent and grow deeper in faith.

**Volunteer to Make Announcements at the March Gathering:** Kristi will make the Board announcements.

**Closing Prayer:** Kristi offered the Closing Prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, April 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Faith-Westwood UMC.

**Adjournment:** Les adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.