

Emmaus Board Meeting – January 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Larry Elliott. Opened with prayer - led by Eddie Merriman.

Those present were: Dave Bliss, Jason Thomas, Katherine Pack, Brad Lockhart, Shirley Lockhart, Janice Woods, Wanda Tramel, Cindy Edwards, Mickey Tuggle, Debbi Tuggle, Donna Smith, Rachel Graff, Molly Talent, Amanda West, Gail Roysden, Mark Travis, Larry Elliott and Eddie Merriman.

Treasurer's Report: A treasurer's report was presented verbally by Mark Travis. We have a balance of \$4,853.94 with a couple of bills that will still need to be paid for walk fees to the Upper Room and the Livingston Church fee. Motion made by Cindy to accept the report as presented. Motion seconded by Jason. Motion passed.

Prior Minutes: Motion was made by Mickey to accept the last minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Jason. Motion passed.

Introduction of New Board Lay Director and New Board Members: Larry introduced the new board members which are Debbi Tuggle, Donna Smith, Wanda Tramel, Brad Lockhart and Katherine Pack. Susan Asberry was working the flight and could not attend the meeting. He also introduced our New Board Lay Director – Eddie Merriman. After a few welcoming statements, Eddie stepped in to go over the remaining items for the meeting.

Election of New Officers: Motion was made by David to nominated the following as officers for the 2013 Emmaus Board; Craig Green as Spiritual Director, Eddie Merriman as Lay Director, Larry Elliott as Assistant Lay Director, Molly Talent as Secretary and Mark Travis as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mickey. Motion passed with the stipulation that Craig Greens position would be confirmed.

Covenant Letter with the Upper Room: Eddie passed the covenant letter with the Upper Room for everyone's signatures. This is a letter that is redone each January with all board members because our Emmaus Community falls under the Upper Room's umbrella of coverage. Eddie will see that the letter in mailed in a timely manner.

Gathering Schedule: The schedule for 2013 was submitted to each board member. Dates are in place except for the Chrysalis Flights in June and December. Gail has posted the schedule on our website so that community members can also download and print a copy for themselves. A couple of new churches are hosting gatherings. We hope to see an increase in attendance for gatherings this year and the board was asked to think about ways that we can encourage community members to attend.

Review 2013 Work Areas, Summaries for Each Position and Member Info: A work schedule was handed out to board members. They are asked to prayerfully consider these areas of work and to commit to them for the 2013 year. Summaries for each position was also handed out by Eddie to those needing one. A list of each board members info was also passed around with each being asked to please check to make sure all the information was correct. This information will be posted on the website for the 2013 year with new board member positions.

Leadership Conference: Eddie mentioned the yearly leadership conference that Upper Room has for all Emmaus Board Members. It is encouraged that new board members especially should attend this training if possible. There may be a conflict with the schedule this year though. Eddie will check into it

and get back with the board on a possible date. We might not be able to attend this year though because of where and when meetings are to be held.

Discussion of March Walk: A brief discussion was held on the March walks. The team meetings are doing well and we hope to have full walks.

Emmaus Letters to Other Communities: The possibility of getting Agape Letters for other Emmaus Communities from our teams was discussed. It was thought that maybe each team could right up a letter to post to the web site or mail out to our sister communities. It was also discussed that maybe we could post other community walks and flights on our web site so that our community could pray when their walks and flights were going on. This item of discussion was tabled until Eddie can talk with the Upper Room about it.

Website News: The web site is doing well. It was noted that if Emmaus Members would like their walk picture displayed on the site that they can get a copy to Gail Roysden, the Website Administrator and she will be glad to post them. We only have Emmaus pictures posted from the beginning of our new website. Journey and Chrysalis pictures were able to be posted almost in their entirety because copies were provided to Gail. We would be glad to post any that a community member can help us obtain a copy of. Background pictures can also be donated when people have something that will work in the program.

Website Guidelines & Policy: A motion was made by Mickey to pass the website guidelines-terms of use and the website policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Jason. Motion carried. Gail will get the documents posted on the web site as soon as possible. These documents are simply put in place as a protective agent for our community.

Budget for 2013: Larry is working with David Netherton and Mark Travis to get a working budget for the 2013 year. He hopes to be able to present it at the next board meeting.

Booking the Edge for Walks: It was clarified that the Edge must be booked for a walk if a team plans to use it for sleeping or other things. Please contact David York to make sure the Edge is not already booked when booking for a walk.

Purchasing New Candles: Larry purchased one of the new LED Candles so the board could examine them as a possible source for candlelight services. The board liked the candle but thought that the batteries would need to be removed each time they are packed away to avoid corrosion. Several board members will search out options for purchasing the candles to get the best possible deal. We hope to purchase about 200. Community involvement will also be sought in raising money to pay for them. (Similar to how we did the new mattresses). Members should have suggestions for purchasing by next meeting. Eddie will ask the Upper Room if other communities use them and where they purchase them as well, if they do.

Logistics for the Walks: It was stated that a board member and an LD should coordinate with logistics for each walk. The sound system has presented several problems in the past just in getting the equipment turned on and off. We need to have someone present at each walk who can run the equipment safely. Scott Franklin, Donnie Huff, Amy Oakly and Melissa "Mo" Young were mentioned as contact people when needing help with the sound systems. We don't need to take it for granted that

someone will be here to take care of it but the LD or board member should make connections to make sure someone is available for the weekend.

Team Selection: Team selection for the July walk will be sometime in March. It will be held in May for the September walks. Dates will be set after Lay Directors are confirmed and their schedule is consulted.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on **February 16, 2013 at 4:00pm at Doyle United Methodist Church.** (Directions to the church are posted on the website) All board members are encouraged to commit and attend as many board meetings and gatherings as they can during their term of office. We have seen positive results when the board commits to community involvement. We know there are times that a board member cannot attend a meeting but we appreciate when you do make an effort to come to all that you can.

Agape Question: A question was asked by Shirley Lockhart about agape team members. It is not known if there is a limited number you can have for a team but you should always consider sleeping arrangements and space needed for each member. Molly stated that churches and other groups had been stepping up as volunteers for agape teams and that it had been a great help in forming teams. When a group or church has several already committed to working an agape team, they already had a good working relationship and the teams seemed to have less struggles with the duties of agape. It is encouraged that if you know of a group or church that would like to work as an Agape Team to please let Molly or Shirley know. They will be glad to get them on a schedule for a walk.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Mickey Tuggle. Motioned seconded by Cindy Edwards. Meeting dismissed.

Closed in prayer led by Jason Thomas.