

Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report
Thursday, February 18, 2016

Attendance: Allen Lamb, Tom McCarthy, Dan Daum, John Connolly, Matt Stockton, Beth Marshall, Siiri McCollister, Kelli Fink, Dan Cripe, Mary Catherine Rodenberger, Melissa Jolliff, Peg Markin, Carol Cox, Cathie Blue, Pastor Aaron Brown, Mary Rodman, Keith Castle

John called the meeting to order. Pastor Aaron led us in prayer. Using the Lord's Prayer, we prayed over the Emmaus Community, the many volunteers and the direction of the board and decisions.

Since there were new attendees we gave brief introductions stating our roll on the board.

Matt moved that we approve the secretary's report. Siiri gave the treasurer's report and we currently have a balance of \$7396.96. Cathy moved that treasurers report be approved and both were passed.

Kelli Fink shared that we currently have 9 ladies registered for the upcoming Walk. Some of these ladies have rolled over from previous weekends and she will work on verification.

The community will be hosting the Emmaus Regional Leadership Development Event on May 13-14. The decision was made to have the Spiritual Director Training Session on Friday afternoon from 2-6pm, followed by a meal and the Gathering at 7pm. A committee was formed to start making plans for this event as many volunteers will be needed. Siiri, Peg, Kelli, John, Dan will meet as soon as possible. Tom and Mary will join at a later date to assist.

There was a discussion about the size of the weekends and should we continue to have 5 weekends a year since we are not currently filling the walks. Some of the discussion: Small walks make it easier to break down barriers. Cancelling weekends leave us with a bad reputation. Upper Room guidelines say a minimum of 20 pilgrims per weekend. A waiting list can be part of the process. Weekends could be added when necessary. The decision was made to leave the Men's weekend scheduled for August in place until Kelli has time to confirm the current list of possible attendees. Dan moved that we cancel the Women's Walk in July, which was seconded by Melissa. The July weekend has been cancelled.

The covenant with the Upper Room was not signed due to a new clause about insurance. First United Methodist Church is checking into this clause and Tom will contact the Upper Room asking for an extension due to this manner.

Board Position Updates:

Keith Castle, Kairos - There are upcoming weekends for North Central. They are blessed with many team members and are looking to possibly start new weekends or reach out to other communities which need some support. They will be doing the Gathering in April.

Allen Lamb, Logistics - The weekend went smoothly for both setup and tear down. The cots take much less time and there was plenty of help. The cots were a hit with the pilgrims! Allen also served on the team and said that corrections need to be made to the flip charts.

Mary Rodman, Communications - Margo Seyboldt has stayed on board to keep social media updates going. Rachel Sirca is going to be preparing the Rooster for the printer. We are in need of someone who will handle the printing/mailing side of the Rooster. The communications team is currently working on a thank you to the community for the purchase of cots. She also reported that Kathy Reiff will be helping to complete the team training materials and they will have new materials ready for Lay Directors and team soon.

Carol Cox, Agape - Everything went well with the weekend except for a mix up on lost agape from other communities. The missing agape was located.

Melissa Jolliff, Social - She has several share groups who have volunteered to help with Thursday night send off and pizza at the Gatherings. She will work with Mary Rodman to get a signup available on the web site.

Dan Cripe, Team Selections - They were gearing up for team selections for July, but with the cancellation that will now be for November. The April team is now full after many phone calls and much patience from Barb Snodgress.

Kelli Fink, Registrar - Kelli will be following up with all the registrations that have rolled to the next weekend to confirm numbers for the next two weekends.

Beth Marshall, Historian & Kitchen Report - She received the necessary documents for the history files. Mary planned on food for 40 people during this past weekend. Napkins and cups were purchased this time which will be used throughout the year. She calculated that the average cost was \$3.88/meal for the number of pilgrims, team and logistics present. There were some changes in the menu due to sharing the kitchen with the Upward Basketball and to make the flow easier on Saturday.

Matt Stockton, Men's Good Shepherd - Matt has been reaching out to the Findlay/Tiffin area to get some interest in the Emmaus Walk. He feels those who attend don't explain what a wonderful weekend this truly is and would like to start a "Road Show" in the future. He is currently working on an app which will help new community members find a share group in their location.

John Connolly ACLD - John was impressed with the cots and the storage which was created. The setup went wonderful and quickly.

Dan Daum, Supplies - Dan said the pilgrims loved the cots. There were not enough people present to greet the pilgrims and make beds. He needs a new board roster for the manuals, and will follow up with Tara Gilbert. He will purchase plexi-glass to cover the labels in the supply closet as he is continually replacing them. There was a need for additional help carrying luggage and making beds on Thursday night. He was also present for cleanup on Sunday and there was plenty of help. He was able to stay in the closet and put things where they belonged.

Tom McCarthy, CLD - There is a need for someone to fill the board position of Sponsorship Chair. If you have any suggestions, please contact him. He is also looking for a board rep for the April weekend. Beth

will supply him with a current list of past lay directors and he is open to suggestions. He closed us in prayer.

Submitted by Mary Rodman in Tara's absence.