

Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report
March 2016

Attendance: Pastor Kathy Reiff, Siiri McCollister, Danny Daum, Allen Lamb, John Connolly, Tom McCarthy, Cindy Butts, Tara Gilbert, Kelly Plikerd, Gina Hunter, Peg Markin, Carla Rine, Mary Rodman, Beth Marshall

Pastor Kathy had us open by all praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Brent Kotsaris gave the Men's Board Report from the Men's Walk #69. We were also given a LD report, in Bill Haye's absence. Some of the highlights are as follows.

*The number of pilgrims required for the weekend, was lower, but it was evident that all received what the mission of Emmaus represents. He recommends that we always press forward with weekends.

*The number of team table leaders exceeded the number of typical tables. The team just needs to remember why they are serving, for the pilgrims.

*Loss of team members took place, by cancelling the previous weekend. This can become a difficult task for the LD. The team members that replaced others, did it openly though, and had to preview talks on short notice.

*Those giving clergy talks need to be accepted openly, and with great respect. It is often hard to get used to change, and when we are used to having the same person give a clergy talk. It was suggested to show gratitude to all clergy giving talks, and thank them for giving of their time.

*The LD needs to be given information in a more timely manner. The need a layout of when things need to take place. They also need clearer direction on flowers, clowns, photographer and book table.

*Some situations that happened over the weekend were handled with love and grace.

*No agape posters were found for this weekend, so old ones were used.

*The cots were a nice addition, but a suggestion was offered to bring extra pillows for comfort. They can be hard.

Tom McCarthy discussed the Emmaus covenant. He confirmed with Dick McConnell that we are covered under the Methodist Church for insurance.

Treasurer Report- We began February with a balance of \$7,396.96. Our income for the month was \$2,948.85. Our expenses cost us \$1,889.65. Our ending balance for February is \$8,456.16. Siiri expressed how impressed she is with the amount of money we take in on candlelights. Our community is generous. Mary Rodman is going to speak to the Copy Source, and make sure we don't have any outstanding balances on bills.

Emmaus Leadership Development Event- Being held here at First United Methodist Church May 13-14th. A spreadsheet has been set up with time-frame and responsibilities. The biggest cost will be food, and Carla Rine is preparing to find the best deals possible.

The Secretary Report was given by Mary Rodman, in Tara's absence for February. The minutes were approved.

Board Position Updates were Given as Needed:

Communications- Mary Rodman

She is taking the Rooster to print on Wednesday. Please email Mary if you would like anything added. Please encourage people you know to receive the Rooster online. This helps on preparation for mailings, and the cost.

Kitchen- Carla Rine

Brad will be working in the kitchen with Mary J. for the upcoming Women's weekend. Carla is serving on the team. It was addressed that the silverware container was still in the kitchen from the previous walk. It needs to go in the closet. Brad would like to bring back the pizza's for a meal in the future.

Supplies- Danny Daum

Danny has the Sponsorship materials for our new chair, Ruth.

Logistics- Allen Lamb

He heard from many that the cots are a nice addition. They could use some extra padding when sleeping. All of the air mattresses are now being stored here at the church, for special events. The pre-school toys were not put away in the Upper Room, before the Men's Walk began. A reminder may just need to be given.

Team Formation-Dan Cripe

New members are needed for team formation. Please send any suggestions to Dan Cripe of 5 women and 5 men, who you think would prayerfully serve.

Pastor Joe Ziraldo's mother passed away. Please lift him and family up in prayer.

Pastor Kathy suggested that for future walks we should try to avoid the time around Easter/Lent. It is hard to find Spiritual Directors that can serve due to schedule conflicts. She shared for the April Women's Walk that her and Pastor Aaron Brown will be Co-Spiritual Directors.

The April's Women's weekend, April 7-10th, has 7 of the 14 pilgrims confirmed at this time. 1 is a carry-over from the last walk held. The July walk for Women is being postponed, and will be held now November 10-13th, 2016. Rita Rausch will serve as LD then. The next Men's weekend is being held August 11-14th, 2016. There was a discussion held about proceeding with this weekend, and team formation needs to begin. Brad Rine is the LD. Team formation will begin. Please prayerfully consider who you might sponsor for this walk.

Tara Gilbert
Secretary