

Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report

September 12, 2017

Attendance: John Connolly, Mike Kelleher, Aaron Brown, Bonnie Rodenberger, Siiri McCollister, Ruth Ruskan, Mary Rodman, Cindy Butts, Lou Ann Davis, Beth Marshall, Kathy Reiff, Kelli Fink, Tami Speicher.

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Aaron.

Men's Walk #71 Report given by Andy Zweizig, Lay Director and Josiah Robinson, Board Representative. Over-all, 18 Pilgrims experienced the love, forgiveness and acceptance of our Precious Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. With fewer Pilgrims, the times may change. Not as much time is needed to complete the activities. Flexibility is needed. Attached is a copy of the written report provided to the Board.

Secretary's Report: Bonnie sent minutes by email. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Tami Speicher moved to accept the minutes as presented. Beth Marshall seconded.

Pastor Aaron explained that our Church is in the process of a Prayer Breakthrough Initiative. The Board paused at 6:10 pm to pray the following prayer:

"Father, unleash the power of the Holy Spirit to bring spiritual breakthrough in my life, in our church family and in our Emmaus Community. Fill us with humility, unity and passion. Let your kingdom come and your will be done. May the name of Jesus be held in high honor in all that we say and do. Amen."

Each day at 6:10 AM and PM this prayer is recited by members of our congregation. Pastor Aaron encourages all to join in with this prayer daily.

Treasurer's Report given by Siiri McCollister. The report is based on the bank book. There is still a discrepancy between the bank statement and the Community's Treasurer's Book. The beginning balance of \$6946.87 matches the bank. Ending balance as of August 2017 is \$7799.32. Mary Rodman approved this Treasurer's Report and Ruth Ruskan seconded. This Treasurer's report has been tabled until the audit is completed.

Registrar's Report provided by Kelli Fink. There are 9 Pilgrims on the on-going list of Kelli's records. Of this list, 3 Pilgrims are confirmed. 3 new ones are from Carla. Kelli has emailed notice to all the Pilgrims and Sponsors informing them of the November Walk.

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September 12, 2017 Old Business...

Old Business:

The Next large Gathering will be held October 15th at the Brown School Barn Hosted by Brad and Carla Rine from 6-8 pm. There is a need from the Community to set up and tear down. Please email Angie Howard if you can help with this important event.

Pastor Kathy informed the Board that the December Gathering will be a Celebration of Music for Christmas. Numerous ideas were shared of having a cookie exchange, bringing canned goods for the food pantry, caroling or providing gifts for children in need. This Gathering will be at the Methodist Church on Tuesday December 12th at 7:00 pm. Ruth Ruskan, Mary Rodman and Siiri McCollister volunteered to assist Pastor Kathy.

Pastor Aaron proposed that the Community have a Phone-a-thon for the February Gathering. There would be a set number of questions to ask when contacting. Each person in attendance would be given 10 names from the data base to contact in order to obtain accurate information for future contacts.

Database update provided by Mary Rodman. Mary advised Cody from Richwood Marketing continues to help her to complete necessary information. This is an on-going process. Mary made suggestions so we can get as much information as possible on the website. Mary also suggested specific things for a download that would allow the Board to provide the future Walk Lay Directors with contact information. Not sure if the names will appear in the email blasts that are desired in the future. Board members encouraged Mary to move forward with the Website.

Each Board member supposed to bring in three names to provide to Pastor Kathy. There is a Nominations Meeting after the Board Meeting to discuss candidates for the Board next year.

Beth Marshall advised that the By-Laws would be compiled for the next Board Meeting.

John Connolly continues to hear very positive comments about the Pot-Luck after the Closing. There needs to be a better way to coordinate this event. It is too much for the Kitchen Staff after serving during the entire weekend. Ideas surfaced about the Social Chair coordinating like the Thursday Evening Meal to begin the Walk. More discussion will need to take place so not one person has this responsibility. Really needs to be a committee. Ideas are welcome.

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Beth Marshall distributed a list of eligible future Men and Women Lay Directors that the Board voted on. The Board Members present were instructed to select 3 from each list. The results will be compiled by a committee for the Community to reach out in securing the Lay Directors for the 2018 Walks.

Pastor Kathy briefly shared with the Board about the requirements for an Emmaus Share Group. Please see the attached handout that was provided for the Board's review. Not much discussion took place due to the time restraints.

Board Positions Updates:

There were no specific issues with the Board Member's respective positions.

Closing Prayer provided by Mike Kelleher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Rodenberger,
Central Ohio Emmaus Secretary.