

Central Ohio Emmaus Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Roll: John Connolly, Tom McCarthy, Allen Lamb, Cathie Blue, Carol Chandler, Kelli Fink, Mary Rodman, Pastor Joe Ziraldo, Margo Seyboldt, Mary Catherine Rodenberger, Gina Hunter, Jan Jerew, Cindy Butts, Danny Daum. Dan Cripe & Beth Marshall.

Devotions this evening were provided by Pastor Joe titled "Radical Christian".

The secretary report was sent to the church office to be printed however Loretta was on vacation. Beth had been instructed to send all print jobs to Loretta not Sharon. So we did not have any minutes to review. We will do the June & July minutes at the August meeting. (very sorry about this!)

The Treasurer's report was given. Balance is \$5,857.09. Report was approved by the board. Kelli Fink gave a report on the update for the budget. \$14,500 was projected for 2016. Tom McCarthy indicated that this budget did not include special projects like cots and additional manuals, etc.

Allen Lamb asked why we don't have cots for everyone? Discussion followed. We have 15 cots. Pilgrims come first. Cots were purchased at Cabelas for \$129 + tax. Would storage be a problem? Should we provide cots and air mattresses? Mary Rodman said we should put the information out to the community and ask for donations for cots. Tom McCarthy made a motion to ask the community to help with this project. Seconded by Carol Chandler. Motion carried. Margo will also put something in the Rooster and on Facebook to alert those not attending the Gathering.

Kelli brought up the huge expenses we have at Copy Source. She will need receipts for these expenses in the future. Beth asked why we were not getting the printing done at First Church office? In the past, the printing was included in the money that we pay to the church for the Walk.

Carol Chandler has 29 women signed up for the July walk and 9 men for August. They will have Kristyn Allen and Brian Alder do an email blast asking for more men to attend in August.

Pastor Joe described the reviewing process he does on all applications. 1) is the walk right for this person and 2) is this the right time for them to attend? Are we strengthening the walk for one person? Or weakening it? The Upper Room reported that 85% of problems that occur on a weekend are from inappropriate sponsorship.

Another tidbit from the May Board meeting in May was the use of Board Members participating on the weekend as team members. This is a proposal from the Upper Room. The logic behind the proposed change is to extend the opportunity for the entire community to serve on walks. At the last team selection meeting, there were 5 board members on the list. Dan Cripe was asked to contact Missy Burns to hold up calling these 5 people until the board could take some action on this proposal from the Upper Room. Some of the discussion that were brought up were the following:

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- I would rather serve on a team than to be on the Board.
- humble servanthood
- team selections are click-ish with the same people always on a team
- what is the bigger issue here? Serving on a team or being a Board member?
- Upper Room is looking at all communities, not just ours.
- would like to encourage all Board members to build out each of our functions to train someone to work with you.
- suggest that folks serve as logistics or kitchen help prior to serving on a team.

John C. said that there is a list out there with 5 board members names on it. We need to address this suggested list tonight or table it until later. Pastor Joe laid out 3 suggestions for the board to vote on.

- 1) No one can serve if they are a Board member
- 2) Limit it to 2 Board members to serve on a team (the winner)**
- 3) Unlimited – Board members can serve (leave as is)

Pastor Joe made this a motion, Tom McCarty seconded it. A vote was taken. 5 voted for #1; 8 voted for #2; 0 for #3.

Tom wants everyone to ask one or two people to serve on their committee and he will discuss this further at the next meeting.

We then chose the dates for the 2016 Walks with Dick McConnell checking the church calendar as we went. The Women's dates are Feb. 11-14; July 21-24; Nov. 10-13 The Men's Dates are April 7-10 and Aug. 11-14. These dates will be confirmed at the August meeting.

Our newest member of the Board is Kelli Plinkerd. Margo reported for her that Dustin will need some help to put up the rainbow colors in the sanctuary because Margo will be on vacation. John Connolly, Dustin & Kelli, Danny and Tom have volunteered to help. Thanks to all.

John Connolly said that we have the opportunity to be the host church for the Emmaus Training Event to be held in 2016. We chose the date of April 22 & 23 to do this. We will have Friday evening for an Emmaus Gathering and Saturday for the training meetings. John will supply this date to the group to see if it fits their schedule.

Tom McCarthy said that we would get the Group Improvement updates at our next meeting. He will then prepare an update of all committees to be passed out.

Tom also announced a non-profit board was sponsoring a meeting for duties 9/30/15 if anyone is interested in attending.

Tom has also printed a letter given to him from Angela LaPat. Copies are available to the members of the board.

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Some concerns were brought in front of the board.

- 1) Cathie needs lanyards for the next walks. She doesn't know how to make them.
- 2) Carol Cox has only been to the Jan. & Mar. meeting this year. Is she still going to be the Agape chair? Someone needs to follow up with her before the walk begins.

Motion made by Tom McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carol Chandler at 8:55 PM.

Jan Jerew closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Marshall