

Central Ohio Emmaus Board Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2015

Roll: Pastor Joe Ziraldo, John Connolly, Jan Jerew, Dan Cripe, Missie Allinder, Dan Daum, Mary Catherine Rodenberger, Kelli Fink, Mary Jaunzemis, Margo Seyboldt, Dick McConnell, Beth Marshall

Pastor Joe started the devotion time by playing a song, "Broken Together" by Casting Crowns. He did a meditation on that theme.

John Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:15. We have many people missing the meeting tonight for varying reasons. Pastor Joe opened the meeting with a prayer.

John reported that he and Tom had finally found someone willing to fill the Worship Chair vacated by Linda Forry. Kelli Plinker has graciously accepted this position, so John asked if we would as a board make a motion to accept her position. Dan Cripe made a motion to accept. Seconded by Missie Allinder. Motion carried.

Tara Gilbert was not in attendance, however, she left the minutes from the last meeting on the table for us. One correction was that Beth Marshall was in attendance! Minutes were approved as modified.

John Connolly said it has been suggested that we post the minutes on the Website. Some discussion was held but all agreed this would be a good thing. If sensitive material is discussed, the board will go into Executive Session. Otherwise, we will start posting the minutes on the Website after they are approved. Dan Cripe made this motion, seconded by Margo Seyboldt. Motion carried.

John said that Tara did leave a list of the "Leadership Training" notes and we read over them, but asked that we keep these until next month to discuss. First UMC will host this event next year and would like to combine it with a Gathering on a Friday evening and invite surrounding communities to attend. There will be a gathering of Clergy on Friday and board members on Saturday. This will be held early in the spring time.

The survey that John Connolly and Tom McCarthy sent out has had 95 hits already and John reported that the comments were varied. He will post the results in the next Rooster.

Pastor Joe reported about the Clergy Training last month in Newark. 90% of the concerns fall into one category that being that we are sponsoring the wrong people!

The Treasurer's report was given by Kelli Fink. Report approved as presented. Kelli is also working on a budget for next year and has asked that any board member that spends money with their position, to please write out a budget of what they plan to spend in the coming year and get it to her by July 3, 2015 so she can work this up an overview for our next board meeting. If there is a big expense, like to replace the manuals for example, that may not have to be in the budget.

A letter from Angela LaPat was read by Pastor Joe.

Mary Catherine R. said that the cups that are given out for each walk are running very low. A suggestion was made that these only be given to the pilgrims as a bedtime agape on Thursday evening. A share group provides these glasses as a gift of agape. MC will contact that Share Group to discuss.

John said that he has been given the number of pilgrims for the July Women's walk at 17 at this time and there are 7 confirmed for the August men's weekend. John made a suggestion that instead of us inviting people to go on the Walk to Emmaus, we start praying for people to go. After a few minutes of silent prayer, John asked us to write a name that God put on your heart on a piece of paper and pray for that person daily.

Tom McCarthy wanted to discuss the Group Updates tonight but was unable to attend. John went over his notes. There are four points: 1) Strategies 2) Prioritize 3) Time line 4) Strategic Plan. Tom would like for these to be finalized by September so they can be presented to the Community later in the year.

Group Update Reports

Communications – Margo Seyboldt. A new member, Matt Stockton, has joined this group as he is very interested in the communications of Emmaus. Margo said that there is an APP with a link to our phone lines. This would also help with the Rooster. It would make the Website more user friendly. They also think that the Registrar should receive the Willing Servant forms and add these to the records she already keeps. Network with local groups. Google website has not been updated yet.

Team Training – Pastor Joe. This group met last Tuesday evening and we have a draft of the new critique sheets for each talk with the points printed on the sheet. Danny will pass these out and will send a complete set to each board member to review in the hope that we can use these for the August team that begins June 22nd their team meetings. We need to come up with an emergency warning system to alert people of a weather emergency prior to or during a weekend or a Gathering. Suggest that we follow the guidelines in place by First UMC. Dick McConnell will provide Joe with these guidelines. We also need to make sure we are in compliance with the church about the "Safe Sanctuary" guidelines. We use child care providers that are hired by the church that already have had background checks. "Safe Sanctuary" makes sure you have a policy to keep children safe while in the church, have clean toys to play with, windows in all Sunday School rooms, etc. It was discussed that we may need to add a sexual harassment policy to our by-laws. We made a list of Frequently Asked Questions from all scenarios.

Relationships – No Report

Data/MIS – Did not meet this month but have been invited to the Communications meeting.

Share Groups – Dick McConnell. They met recently and had a good meeting.

Servanthood – Mary Catherine Rodenberger. This group decided at their first meeting that it is "NOT ABOUT ME". They had a large 11x18 poster made of the "Canon" for the kitchen, agape, team room, etc. so everyone can be reminded that we are servants. The team members can sign these posters and leave them in the designated rooms. They also wondered if there should be an amendment made to our By-Laws to follow the Upper Room rules. For example: Mother & Daughter should not serve together; Father & Son; Siblings. Board members names should be removed from the team selection list because while serving on the Board, you cannot serve on a team. We should encourage pilgrims to come serve in some way after their pilgrim walk. Team members should not be sponsoring pilgrims for that walk. Rules verses Guidelines? Dan Cripe is on August team. What should he do? To be continued.

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Kristy Rowland is the Board Rep for the upcoming July weekend. She came down to ask Pastor Joe to see if a team member that has written a book can sell it at the book table. After some discussion, it was decided to not support this as it would set a precedence for future walks.

Dan Cripe voiced a concern in that our Community seems to ignore the Chrysalis community. Said it is never discussed or promoted anymore. Pastor Joe said that he had reached out to the Greene Street Church in Piqua to supply us with a board member from Chrysalis but they chose not to do so.

Dick McConnell shared that the SHOWERS ARE FIXED!!!!

Meeting was closed at 8:45 with a prayer by Dan Cripe. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 16, 2015. (which is also the first night of the Women's walk)

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Marshall
Acting Secretary