

Central Ohio Emmaus
October Board Report 10/15/2015

Board Members Present: Missie Allinder, Dan Cripe, Cindy Butts, Margo Seyboldt, Tara Gilbert, MC Rodenberger, Carol Chandler, Mary Rodman, Tom McCarthy, John Connolly, Alan Lamb, Cathie Blue, Beth Marshall, Dick McConnell

Pastor Aaron Brown was also present. Pastor Aaron opened the meeting in prayer. Pastor Aaron was present to discuss with us a situation that arose for the current Women's Walk Team. An assistant table leader was asked to gracefully step aside from serving on the team, due to her openness about her homosexuality. This was asked of her, after six leaders got together to discuss the situation. It was not an easy decision, and one that has brought many questions and the realization that a policy needs to be developed. Following this decision, the board received an email from Pastor Joe Ziraldo, with his resignation as community spiritual director. Pastor Aaron Brown is now going to assume the Community Spiritual Director. Pastor Aaron explained to us, how Central Ohio Emmaus is considered a ministry of this church, and his reasoning behind this decision. Questions were answered that board members had, and concerns. Overall, a sense of concern was brought up for the team member, an explanation of why this happened, and the need for a policy. There is going to be a meeting, Thursday, October 22nd at 8:30am. for those on the Board that would be interested in helping develop a Central Ohio Emmaus team application. Tom McCarthy presented us with one that he found from another community that could give us a base start. This will become our Leadership Policy.

The September Board Report was read and approved, with the amendment of the Treasurer's information being included.

The Treasurer Report was read and approved. Our beginning balance for August 2015 was \$8,329.46. Our income for the month totaled \$2,189.00. Our expenses were only \$240.91. Our ending balance for September is \$10,277.75.

The Registrar's Report was given by Carol Chandler. There are currently 15 applications submitted for the November Women's walk and 15 for the Men's Emmaus Walk in February. Great news!

Tom spoke about Board Nominations for 2016. If anybody has anyone they think would be good Board Members, please speak to him. Currently, they have to be in a share group/accountability group and have served on atleast one team.

Tom also spoke about Board Meeting Attendance. Beginning next month, Tara is going to keep track of Excused/Unexcused absences. Tom is going to create something for the Board.

The 2016 Lay Directors have been voted on and accepted the position. Barb Snodgres will do the weekend of April 7-10th, 2016, and Rita Rausch July 21-24th, 2016. For Men, Bill Hayes will do February 11-14th, 2016, and Brad Rine will be LD for August 11-14th, 2016.

Alan Lamb then closed us in prayer.