

## **Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report**

### **March 14, 2017**

Attendance: Matt Stockton, Peg Markin, John Connolly, Tami Speicher, Cindy Butts, Beth Marshall, Angie Howard, Mike Kelleher, Aaron Brown, Bonnie Rodenberger, Siiri McCollister, Ruth Ruskan, Carla Rine, Kelli Fink, Mary Rodman.

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Aaron.

Secretary Report shared by Bonnie Rodenberger. Minutes sent by email and no corrections given. Bonnie promised to get minutes to Board this next week. Medical issue prevented her promptness this past month. This report approved by Tami Speicher and Siiri McCollister.

Treasurers Report given by Siiri McCollister. Not much activity this month. Siiri has checks to deposit. Beginning Balance was \$7313.00. Ending Balance for February, 2017 is \$7079.74. This report approved by Mary Rodman and Kelli Fink.

The Registrar's Report given by Kelli Fink advised that 26\* Pilgrims are scheduled to attend Walk #122 but 25 are confirmed. This is considered a full Walk since there are only five tables. Lots of special dietary needs. Each Pilgrim has a sponsor. There was a need to change some sponsors but the website will be up-dated with all the new information. Kelli said that there are now two on a waiting list which hasn't happened for a while. \*Before the Board left, Kelli received word that the one Pilgrim would not be attending.

Under Old Business, Ruth Ruskan, a Team Member for this Walk, asked about what songs can be used when traveling and for the Blessing Sung before and after the meals? After much discussion, it was decided to leave this decision to the discretion of the Lay and Music Directors. If there is an impasse, the decision would go to the Spiritual and Music Directors. It is ok to use any of the songs that were used in the past. There are no restrictions. Mike Kelleher and Kelli Fink are still working on the Data Base Information.

New Business had the Board evaluating Gathering Ideas. Aaron Brown, John Connolly, Angie Howard and Melissa Jolliff met to brain storm ideas of "Why do we have Gatherings?"? What could change to bring about Meaningful Worship through Music, Messages, etc. and to determine what is working and what is not? The agenda said that Melissa Jolliff & John Connolly would be discussing. Angie Howard presented. Shared attendance has been consistently low & why not better attendance? Do other people who attend different churches feel welcomed? The committee came up with an idea that maybe we should go from monthly

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to quarterly time frames after the Walk. Discussion took place about why not before the Walk to get servants for the weekend. Their thinking is after Walk, there would be more enthusiasm from the Pilgrims just coming off the Walk. Quarterly Gatherings could be in a different setting but definitely something extra, (i.e. ice cream social, go to a park, etc.). After much discussion, Carla Rine made a motion to change to try and change the time and to plan for a big August Gathering with the possibility of an ice cream social. Tami Speicher seconded motion. This motion passed but there were members of the Board that did not vote. More discussion pursued advising that the Board is not ready to stop the monthly Gatherings but to add a special event each quarter. Mike Kelleher advised that this topic would be Tabled for now. Suggested that Board Members try to reach out to other Emmaus Communities in the area to see what may be working for their respective Communities.

Board Committee Updates:

- **Sponsorship-Ruth Ruskan** reported not many at the training last month. Since Ruth serving on this Walk #122 Team, she has asked Cathie Blue to prepare everything for Sponsorship on this Walk.
- **Logistics and supplies-John Connolly** reported that extra help is needed for these two categories since these are new position leaders and this is the first Walk.
- **Good Shepherd Men-Matt Stockton** advised that he has a prototype App running right now. Matt making sure it will work properly. Will share with Board when ready. Matt hoping that this will be a great avenue of sign-ups for 4th Day Activities.
- **Registrar-Kelli Fink** will not be here next week due to scheduled vacation. Volunteers stepped up to help Kelli so her duties will be covered for the Weekend. Kelli informed Board that she will start calling Men for the next Walk when she returns.
- **Kitchen-Carla Rine** will have everything out of the Emmaus Closet with kitchen supplies that belongs to Bluegrass. This helps Carla to store these items here instead of transporting back & forth from her home. Carla will need help completing this task.
- **Treasurer-Siiri McCollister** will be sponsoring so won't be at the registration table on Thursday. Beth Marshall volunteered to sit at the table and collect.
- **Spiritual Director-Aaron Brown** been talking with the Springfield Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. They are having attendance issues also and are struggling. Pastor Aaron wants us to consider combining the communities in the future.

Mike Kelleher closed the meeting in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Rodenberger, Secretary