

Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report October 10, 2017

Attendance: John Connolly, Mike Kelleher, Bonnie Rodenberger, Ruth Ruskan, Mary Rodman, Cindy Butts, Lou Ann Davis, Kelli Fink, Tami Speicher, Peg Markin.

Opening Prayer given by Ruth Ruskan.

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. Peg Markin seconded.

Treasurer's Report given by Kelli Fink. The report is based on the bank book. There is still a discrepancy between the bank statement and the Community's Treasurer's Book. Kelli advised the discrepancy would be with the checks that were written back when Siiri took over but were never cashed. The beginning September balance of \$7799.32 matches the bank. Ending balance as of September, 2017 is \$7479.51. This Treasurer's report has been tabled until the audit is completed.

Registrar's Report provided by Kelli Fink. There are 16 Pilgrims confirmed for Walk #123.

Old Business:

The Next Special Gathering will be held October 15th at the Brown School Barn Hosted by Brad and Carla Rine from 6-8 pm. Plans are proceeding with the food, fellowship and activities. Several Board Members volunteered to bring cookies and to help set up and tear down. There will be a bon fire and hay ride provided by Ron Schilling. Trying to have Experienced Share Groups talk about their time together. Discussed different Share Groups to invite.

There will be a detailed update for the December Gathering focusing on the Celebration of Music for Christmas at the next meeting. This Gathering will be at the Methodist Church in the Burnside Family Life Center on Tuesday December 12th at 7:00 pm. Serving on this committee with Pastor Kathy are Ruth Ruskan, Mary Rodman and Siiri McCollister.

Due to Pastors Aaron's and Kathy's absence, the Different Gathering Ideas and Calling List on the Agenda were skipped.

Mary Rodman and Cindy Butts met with Cody at Richwood Marketing. All changes have been made from the Board's suggestions with constant up-dating completed by Mary. Things still

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need tweaking but both sites are up and running. Board was reminded; this is a work in progress. Mary now has Log-In for Website.

Nominations Committee met for one hour with very positive results. The following people's names were brought to the Board for approval:

Tara Gilbert: Assistant Community Lay Director;

Missy Burns: Agape;

Sue Irwin: Social;

Carol Weinlein: Communications.

Ruth Ruskan moved to approve and Kelli Fink seconded.

These nominations were unanimously approved by all Board Members.

Later in the meeting, Mike Kelleher received word that Dan Daum would accept the Logistics Nomination. Tami Speicher moved to approve and Mary Rodman seconded. Unanimous vote.

Bonnie Rodenberger advised that the By-Laws would be compiled for the next Board Meeting. Tabled.

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. The Emmaus Community encourages each of us to pray this prayer also.

Walk Up-dates were provided by Mike Kelleher. Shelley Williams has accepted the Lay Director's position for the April 19-22, 2018 Walk. Team Selection Meeting will be October 19th. Men's Walk #72 has not been filled yet but Mike feels as though they are very close in getting the Lay Director confirmed for July 19-22, 2018 Walk. Mary Rodman advised Bonnie that she needs to know which Team/Clergy doing the Talks for the Weekend. Bonnie needs to email as soon as possible so Mary can up-date the Website. Bonnie reported that the Team Meetings have started and she is surrounded by humble willing servants.

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Bonnie Rodenberger reported that she attended the Western Reserve Emmaus Candlelight in Hiram Ohio; their Walk held at Camp Wesley. Bonnie attended because her friend from College was a Pilgrim. During Prayers for the Pilgrims, each Sponsor and those there supporting that Pilgrim stood up. The Sponsor prayed specifically for the Pilgrim. There were 36 Pilgrims so this took a large portion of time but was very spirit filled. Music and Communion followed. The Community lined up outside of the fellowship hall with battery operated candles and sang, "Jesus, Jesus". There was no touching the Pilgrims and as the Pilgrims went through the path, the Community followed until back into the Fellowship Hall standing. After singing, there was no lifting of the candles any time Christ's love mentioned. Instead of having people raise their candle when their City read, we kept our candles high entire time. We left single file and passed by Pilgrims with the Pilgrims and Community singing 'Jesus, Jesus'. Bonnie's friend was on the very end. She hugged her knowing that was 'not allowed'. Bonnie got some looks but was forgiven.

Mike asked if there could be a change in the meeting's start time from 5:30 to 5:45 or 6:00 pm. It is a rush to get to the Church. Much discussion occurred. Decided to wait and ask the new Board Members also. Tabled.

Board Positions Updates:

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

Closing Prayer provided by Tami Speicher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Rodenberger,
Central Ohio Emmaus Secretary.