Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report Thursday, January 21, 2016

Attendance: Tom McCarthy, John Connolly, Pastor Kathy Reiff, Allen Lamb, Siiri McCollister, Kelli Fink, Tara Gilbert, Peg Markin, Mary Rodman, Cindy Butts, Dan Cripe, MC Rodenberger, Gina Hunter, Danny Daum, Cathie Blue, Beth Marshall.

Pastor Kathy opened our meeting with a devotion from Luke 11:33.

With new board members in attendance, we all went around and introduced ourselves and said our position on the board.

Pastor Kathy was approved to be the new Assistant Spiritual Director for the community. Mary Rodman and then Beth Marshall approved the motion.

The minutes from the December Board meeting were approved.

The treasurer report was presented. We ended November with a balance of \$7,632.45. Our income for December was \$65.96. We had an operating loss of \$134.32. Our ending December balance was \$7,498.13. Kelli is currently transitioning to the Registrar's position and training Siiri.

We had a discussion regarding the Men's Walk being held the weekend of February 11-14th. There are currently 12 pilgrims registered. Does the walk continue, or be discontinued again? Dan Cripe, who is serving on this team stated that the team is getting ready. Bill Hayes is also preparing as Lay Director. Discussion was held for the pros and cons of continuing the weekend, and the guidelines from the Upper Room were read. The Upper Room said that you need 20 to hold a walk, but the Board decided to continue with the weekend. It is a go!

We are still in need of a kitchen coordinator. There are many people that have volunteered to help during the weekend, but don't want to be the 'board representative, and 'in charge' person. The Board members are also going to step up and help for the weekend!

Allen Lamb stated that this is the first weekend that only cots will be used. No more air mattresses! Allen is serving on the team, so he will need assistance with set-up on Thursday and also on Sunday clean-up between 7-8am. Help is also needed at 4pm. to clean-up the Upper Room before closing.

The Emmaus Policy we have been discussing is being put on hold. The Methodist Church here is discussing this as a church body and board.

Mary Rodman is stepping up and making sure the Rooster gets out in January, for the February walk.

Danny Daum is working on cot carts, and will have them completed in time for the February walk.

Dan Cripe, gave a report on team selection. He said that Barb Snodgres is currently putting calls out for the April Women's walk. Dan also was asking for suggestions for team selection members. Bethany Rankin and Brad Rine have served 2 years and their term is up. We need a member from within this church, and one from outside this church. For the new Board members, Dan explained the process of serving on teams and the selection process.

Beth Marshall closed the meeting in prayer.