

Central Ohio Emmaus Board Report

July 11, 2017

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

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Aaron.

Secretary's Report: Amendment for May 9th Minutes: Flip Charts for Assistant Lay Directors are correct. Emmaus Manuals provide general times but the Flip Charts are accurate for Central Ohio Emmaus Community. All manuals need to be gathered and corrected. Flip Charts are correct. Beth moved to approve the previous minutes and Mary Rodman seconded the motion with this correction.

Treasurer's Report given by Siiri McCollister. May had very little activity. June had no activity. There is a discrepancy from the balance sheet and the bank's balance. Siiri requested an audit. Kelli Fink will provide the audit before the next meeting. This Treasurer's report has been tabled until the audit is completed.

Registrar's Report provided by Kelli Fink. There are 7 men registered/confirmed for the August Walk.

Old Business:

Angie Howard reported on the August 6th Gathering. The Kairos Band will play from 3:00-3:20. There will be multiple speakers with Amy Hamilton providing Special Music. Riverside will be providing the Ice Cream for the Social. Communion will conclude the Worship Service. Hopes to end around 4:30 to allow for more fellowship.

Database update provided by Mary Rodman. Mary advised Cody from Richwood Marketing helping her to complete. Wanting to get attendees to fill out the Volunteer Service Card during the last day of each Walk & at the future Gatherings.

Kathy Reiff, Cindy Butts, Mary Rodman and Kelli Fink met with Heather Wertz to discuss data systems. Cindy thinks that when all the other sites are shut down that we may lose all email addresses that Central Ohio Emmaus currently has. Richwood Marketing will be able to help with this part to preserve the contact information that we already have. Website is in place

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now. Will be able to sign up Volunteers for Weekends. They are working on posting information for the up-coming Special Gathering.

Much discussion took place around the Future Gatherings. Mike Kelleher, John Connolly and Kathy Reiff encouraged Board Members to continue with the Periodic Gatherings instead of having monthly. Next big Gathering would be Tuesday, October 10th. Beth Marshall concerned that something will be lost if we don't continue the monthly meetings. Since not all the older members of the Community have access to Social Media, the communication has been dropped. There was no sign or anything about no Gathering. Four people called the Marshall home asking why there was not a Gathering. If Board can start getting the Lay Directors selected 6 months in advance, this would help not having the Gatherings so often. Bottom line, something has to be done to revive this Community. There is too much of a Fatigue Factor. Will try to announce the Future Big Gatherings 4-6 weeks ahead. John Connolly proposed to move forward with the August Gathering, not to have a Gathering in September and then look to having the October Gathering. If we commit to a planned schedule and are able to get more people out to these events, it will be worth it. John encouraged Community Members to reach out to himself, Mike Kelleher, Pastors Kathy and Aaron if they don't approve of this direction.

Team Selection discussed. Seems as though passions have waned. Need to get more people who have never served or has been a while since serving. Discussed having a Lay Director in Training that would work side by side with the current Lay Director. This could be an optional choice for future Lay Directors. Angie Howard moved to table this topic and Kelli Fink Seconded.

John announced that the Board Meetings would continue through November.

New Business:

Mike wanted Board to discuss about changing the terms on the Board from 2 to 3 years. His observation is there are doers on the Board right now. This would allow for more stabilization. By a show of hands, Board agreed to change back to 3 years with a few members declining due to other commitments. John and Mike will talk with current Board Members who have severed their 2 years. The By Laws will need to be changed. Beth Marshall and Bonnie Rodenberger will get together about the By Laws.

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Next Year's (2018) Walk Scheduled announced:

Women's Walk # 124... April 19-22

Men's Walk #72...July 19-22

Women's Walk #125...November 15-18

Mary Rodman moved to approve the Walk Dates and Ruth Ruskan seconded.

Kairos and Epiphany Coordinators were needing these dates to schedule their future weekends.

Members of the Board still not certain on how to obtain more volunteers for the up-coming Walks. Mary Rodman advised there is an excel spread sheet that provides who have done Talks and where they would be willing to serve. Mary will bring this to the August Meeting.

Board Position Updates:

Supplies/Sponsorship... Louann Davis still having trouble coordinating what materials are needed. Ruth told Louann that she needs crosses to put on the Lanyards. Lanyards are being made by Joan Daum.

Communications: Need to have a good list for the Men's Walk posted.

Still looking for Lay Director for November.

Request for prayers for current team and for future walks.

Board members were encouraged to reach out to others to attend the Gathering next month. Personal invites to the Emmaus Community could go a long way.

Closing Prayer provided by Mike Kelleher.

Bonnie Rodenberger and Carla Rine suggested that we bring back the meal after closing. Carla always has food left from the meals. Bonnie mentioned that since our Community stopped doing this activity, there has been a steady decline in attendance. Board agreed that we will start doing this beginning with the Men's Walk in August. Encourage people to bring a covered dish for the Potluck.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Rodenberger, Secretary.

