

**Minutes – Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board  
Hill Country Fellowship Meeting Room  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00 PM**

**Attendees:** Suzanne Taylor, Troy Ellett, Karen Eaton, Janice Hinojosa, David Hinojosa, Matt Karcher, Tom Ruiz, Kelsey Mills, Gary Bible, Tirish Mynk, Allen Mynk, Susan Nevills, Pete Nodecker and John Eaton (visiting).

**Opening Prayer:** At 7:05 pm, Ti M opened the meeting and Matt Karcher opened with prayer. Ti told us that Angie M was at the hospital with Joseph Berryman (who had bypass surgery that day).

**Minutes:** The June, 2018 minutes were read, motioned, seconded and approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Nevills presented the July and August Treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$26,783.13. Our insurance check is written but not yet sent. Susan told us the Eagles Wings Retreat Center has raised its deposit from \$1700 to \$3000, non-refundable. Treasurer's report was motioned, seconded and passed. **Possible Action Item:** All attending agreed that it's time to start looking for another retreat center.

**Old Business:** Music Equipment List – This is a very old item; almost moot. We may need action on this or a motion to declare it “completed” to remove it from future agendas.

Update on Walk 2018W – Suzanne T said this Walk is full! We have 36 Pilgrims and 9 on the waiting list. We have completed two training sessions and will meet this weekend (August 11<sup>th</sup>) for the third. The talks have been phenomenal. We have a very strong team. This Walk is on track. Thank you, E-Board.

**New Business:** Change Gathering date from Sep 4<sup>th</sup> to Sep 11<sup>th</sup> – Gary B had forgotten this change had been made. It is updated unto the HOTEK website. To ensure this will happen, a motion, second and vote was made to have the North Gathering (at Cross Tracks Church/Liberty Hill) on September 10<sup>th</sup>. **Possible Action Item:** There had been comments made that the North community was sometimes “up against” holidays; July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day and maybe others. There may be a need for more discussion/decisions on this issue. David H said he is working on this.

**Announcements:** At this point, our Announcements morphed into a general discussion of various topics; all germane.

Someone said we need to follow-up with Upper Room to see if they have received our 501c3 PDF (IRS 501c3 approval). Gary B will start to work on this. He will scan the PDF to UR. Note: This action was completed on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Someone also said we need to finish our Covenant “process” by scanning the completed HOTEK insurance policy to UR. Note: This was also been completed on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Notification from UR point-of-contact Edna Vaughn was received and filed in the HOTEK Secretary notebook. (Our next Covenant/renewal will be much easier as we are insured until 2021 and are (now) approved as a 501c3).

Susan N said we have 26 volunteers on the outside Walk team; too many! This opened lots of discussion about the team selection process. How can we make it flow better and more logical? Pete N explained the 1/3 principal (1/3 new team members, 1/3 experienced team members and 1/3 very seasoned team members). Troy commented we haven't always had a glut of outside team

volunteers; that it was a blessing to have this "problem". Pete also commented that, at minimum, the team selection process should start 5 to 6 months before the Walk. A Walk should have at least four Team Training meetings. Troy commented that it is crucial that the Walk Cook needs to be able to choose his team.

Various Walk Agape lists were discussed in detail. Troy E said we need better communications on all these aspects. Suzanne T asked "Are monetary (Agape) donations acceptable?" Susan N and other said, "Generally yes." Susan N said "We will take money donations anytime, even during the Walk."

Matt K told us that the Walk Prayer Vigil is posted to our website and that approximately 70 prayer slots need to be filled.

Karen E said, thanks to Matt K, some new/updated Reunion Groups have been added to the HOTEK website.

Troy E said he got the golf cart from Kevin P and he wants to fix it up. **Motion:** "Fix it." **Motion, seconded and passed.**

Ti M let all know that Gary B will be stepping down from the Secretary position (as of August) and that we need someone to step up to do this. Kelsey M volunteered to be the new HOTEK Secretary. She only has 13 years Emmaus experience?! **Motion:** "That Kelsey Mills become our new HOTEK Secretary." **Motion seconded and passed.** **Thank you, Kelsey!** Note: A BEAUTIFUL plaque and statue of Christ washing a Disciple's feet was given to Gary as an appreciation gift. Note: Thank you, and may God continue to RICHLY BLESS this Executive Board. It is an experience I'll always cherish and remember! Gary Bible.

**HOTEK SD comments:** Jon was not in attendance but had told Ti M that he is still looking for a new HOTEK Spiritual Director.

**HOTEK LD comments:** Ti M had no further comments, except we all noted she did a great job "chairing" our meeting. Thank you Ti.

**Adjournment:** At 8:09 pm we adjourned our meeting with a prayer.

**Next HOTEK E-Board meeting:** 7 pm, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Hill Country Fellowship meeting room