

## **Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board**

Burnet First United Methodist Church

March 5, 2019      7:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Richard Wendrock, Janice Hinojosa, David Hinojosa, Kelsey Mills, Ti Mynk, Allen Mynk, Susan Nevills, Jason Teague, Gerald Kaspar, Angie Martinez, Tom Bornschein, Suzanne Taylor, Susan Ellett, Troy Ellett, Jesse Martinez, JoAnn Dilworth

**Opening Prayer:** At 7:03 p.m. David Hinojosa opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the February 2019 minutes was made by Richard Wendrock and seconded by Tom Bornschein; and the motion passed.

**HOTEC SD Comments:** In Deuteronomy, we are reminded to not forget the Lord. It's not just about laws - about who we are and how we are to live. Let's immerse ourselves in God's law and love our neighbors!

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan presented the treasurer's report. Jason made the motion to accept it as presented, seconded by Tom B.; and the motion passed. Susan reported that only one servant scholarship has been provided in the past four years.

### **Old Business:**

- **Update on 2019 M Walk:** Jesse reported that the last full practice has been held, that he and Kevin are meeting to review what is to be read and that he has one more meeting with ALD's scheduled. All team members have a great attitude, and we currently have 26 pilgrims.
  - Scholarships: We provided 3 full and 2 partial scholarships for 2019 Men's Walk. Asking pilgrims to pay a portion sometimes presents a logistics issue and doesn't always seem appropriate. Troy reminded us that the Scholarship Fund is God's money and has never run short. We don't know a person's financial status (i.e. residents at Open Door, Joshua House, etc.) but don't want to turn anyone away.
  - Agape: Janice reported on Agape needs for coming Walk. She will e-mail those to Allen to distribute to community.
  - Trailer: Troy is almost finished with trailer.
  - Gerald said that in the past we have not announced the lay director as early (i.e. Women's director not announced until Men's walk ended) and asked why this had changed. Ti explained that Upper Room requires announcement at least 12 months prior to walk and suggests even longer (12-18 months). Discussion centered on wanting to be sure that the current walk receives our primary focus while still allowing coming teams to be built behind the scenes.
  - Volunteers: Ti said that we are making a diligent effort to build depth in our people so that we have a larger pool of volunteers. Following extensive discussion, Allen said that the new database only recognizes a full weekend of service (not 2 partials = 1 whole). Suzanne asked how outside team is chosen; and Susan explained that the two co-directors select 1/3 experienced workers, 1/3 with limited experience, and 1/3 new for each walk. Troy reminded us of the need for flexibility and Jason said that we need to trust the team selection committee.

- Update on Search for New Retreat Center September 2018: Changes at Eagles' Wings that seemed inflexible at first proved to not be problematic so search was suspended. A suggestion was made that putting out a search every couple of years would be a good idea. No action was taken.
- Kelsey said that last year we voted to give money to the Cathy Rose Scholarship Fund. Angie will follow up with that.
- Angie said that Cross Track will provide child care for the North gathering. Susan said that she should be contacted for payment. She pays \$50 per gathering held at each church. We will review that number to see if it needs to be increased.

#### **New Business:**

- Giving Tuesday Offerings: This is a program from UR that is intended to help start new communities. This is the third year; and even though there is a requirement to participate, no amount is set. Kelsey made the motion to give 5% beginning in March, which was seconded by Richard. The motion passed.
- Pilgrim Cut Off 2 Weeks Before Walk or North Gathering: Cut off date will be March 11, which is 10 days before the walk.
- Possible Reduction in Cost of Attendance: Susan reported that it's not possible to do this due to increased costs at Eagles' Wings. No action was taken.
- Tom B. stated that we have 800 people according to the registry and suggested that we do sign-in sheets at all gatherings to determine active membership. We don't have a large pool of volunteers. Allen said that the UR database places our number at 560, and he emails about 600. Ti said that Tom Ruiz had addressed the number discrepancy with UR and could report that when he is in attendance.
- More Training on Upper Room Database: Allen reported that the new UR database seems pretty simple. The prayer vigil will be moving to the database per UR.
- Spiritual Director for Women's Walk: Leslie Tomlinson has accepted the position for Women's 2019. Jason will be able to train her and others once he's been fully trained. A question was raised as to who can provide communion. Jason said that we might need to get clarification from a district supervisor but he believes that Emmaus theology requires the leading pastor to be someone who is officially authorized.

**Adjournment:** Janice prayed us out at 8:25 p.m.

**Next HOTEK E-Board Meeting:** April 1, 2019 at 7 p.m. at FUMC Burnet (NOTE: change to first Monday)