

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board

Burnet First United Methodist Church

April 1, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Troy Ellett, Tom Ruiz, Angie Martinez, Kim Russell, Kelsey Mills, Allen Mynk. Janice Hinojosa, David Hinojosa, Anne Kuhlman, Suzanne Taylor, Ti Mynk, Tom Bornschein, JoAnn Dilworth

Opening Prayer: Kim Russell opened us in prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to accept the March 2019 minutes was made by Kelsey Mills and seconded by David Hinojosa. The motion passed with none opposed.

HOTEC SD Comments: Jason was unable to attend but sent this scripture passage to be read aloud:

Ephesians 4:1-4 ".....lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God...be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope in the future."

Remember: All that we do is for the purpose of serving God.

Treasurer's Report: Susan was not here and will follow up with treasurer's report at next meeting.

Old Business:

- Tom Ruiz referenced discussion from minutes of last meeting regarding Upper Room requirements. He explained that UR sees a large number of members in our community but has no way to reference actual attendance or participation. If / when we ask for an exception to any of the UR guidelines, it's hard to justify because we have no numbers to back up our requests. Tom asks that we consider some sort of sign-in at each event. Tom Ruiz made a motion to record attendance at each event, and Tom Bornschein seconded. Discussion centered on various ways to make that work: possibly a list for people to check off; possibly some sort of incentive for those who don't like to sign in. The motion passed, with none opposed. We will start with a group e-mail from Allen asking for a reply so that we can begin to identify who actually comprises our community. That will provide the basis for a checklist at each event so that board members can check off people attending. All board members agreed that our purpose is NOT to exclude anyone but to better identify our membership, keeping in mind the two-fold purpose of bringing people closer to God and raising up leaders in the Church.
- Janice asked how we keep track of who has done what within our community. Allen said that we've been keeping a database for the past three years but records of talks and service from past walks are not complete. His goal is to complete that database so we have accurate records of qualifications. It was suggested that Gary Bible and Pete Nodecker might be good resources. Someone pointed out that we've not really focused on the order of service and that newer members may not even realize if they've done something out of the recommended order.
- Tom Ruiz mentioned that on the recent men's walk, there were not enough God Watches. It was handled and was not a problem but he questioned about whether we have a good record of what is in the trailer, consumable supplies, etc. He recommended assigning someone to assist in

inventory control. Troy stated that everything in the trailer is maintained and inventoried at the end of each walk and again before the next walk. That process takes about a week for Susan and him to do. Janice also said that the Agape teach has extensive discussions on supplies that are needed. No action was taken.

New Business:

- Ti stated that the \$50 we currently donate to each church for child care does not cover their costs. Kelsey made a motion to increase the donation amount to \$75, and Tom Bornschein seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.
- Tom Ruiz reported that we have two community members who have completed all requirements to serve as Lay Director for 2020 Men's Walk: Russell Cochrane and Matt Schuessler. Both men are both servants and leaders; however, Russell told Tom that he believes Matt is the most qualified. Kelsey made the motion to name Matt Schuessler as the Lay Director for 2020 Men's Walk, and Tom Bornschein seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.
- We currently have 13 pilgrims signed up for the 2019 Women's Walk. Anne said she has a concern about getting enough people to apply to work and needs to get that handled quickly as she wants to begin meeting in April. She asked the Team Selection Committee to reach out to community members for servants. Tom Ruiz added that Board members can also assist in that. Discussion focused on the order of service (i.e. Outside Team two times before Inside Team). Kim Russell pointed out that the Servant Team for the previous walk was closed and that others were not able to participate. Ti explained that we are trying to find a balance between having numbers that are workable and allowing for all who are interested to participate. Troy stated that the perception is that the outside team is limited and that we need to find a way to follow the UR model and still make it work for us. After lengthy discussion, team selection was tabled.

HOTEC Lay Director Comments: Ti commended David Hinojosa for his amazing job as bell ringer and time keeper at the 2019 Men's Walk and thanked everyone for a great board meeting.

Adjournment: Janice prayed us out at 8:38 p.m.

Next HOTEC E-Board Meeting: May 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. at FUMC Burnet ~~Burnet~~ **Marble Falls** (NOTE: change in location as per Allen's e-mail)

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Dilworth, Secretary

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