

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board

Burnet First United Methodist Church

June 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Suzanne Taylor, Troy Ellett, Richard Wendrock, Jason Teague, Kelsey Mills, Ti Mynk, Susan Nevills, Allen Mynk, JoAnn Dilworth, Angie Martinez, David Hinojosa

Visitors: Derek Almond, Anne Kuhlmann

Opening Prayer: Kelsey Mills opened with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to accept the May 2019 minutes was made by Kelsey Mills and seconded by Allen Mynk. The motion passed with none opposed.

HOTEC SD Comments: Jason mentioned the new digital sign that his church has installed and how it does a great job of getting people's attention. However, it requires some thought to be able to clearly convey the intended message in just a few words. He asked that we all focus on the vision of our Emmaus Community: to love, to build, to serve and to provide 4th day leaders who embody Jesus Christ. Each of us needs to OWN that vision and learn to convey it to others in a clear and compelling way.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2019. She added that the seat for the golf cart has been paid for and that Eagles' Wings is taking their golf carts out of service so we may need to evaluate the need to rent additional carts as the next walk nears. Suzanne Taylor made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Jason Teague seconded. The motion passed, with none opposed.

Old Business:

- Anne Kuhlmann reported on preparations for the 2019 Women's Walk. She asked if lay directors are reimbursed for their expenses. Discussion of this topic was mixed, and no one seemed sure of the answer. Kelsey Mills made a motion to table the discussion until next month to give us time to review past minutes and reports, and Susan Nevills seconded. The motion passed. JoAnn will review 2018 minutes for further information.
- Kelsey brought up the position of outside coordinator. She stated that in the past, the lay director chose the spiritual director, outside leader and board representative. Troy responded that the Board was always charged with doing that but in the early days we really didn't have a Board, which was why the lay director handled it. Kelsey asked about adding the position of outside leader to the team selection committee, and Anne commented that the outside leader works hard. Referring to the Community Manual (pages 57-58), Ti stated that UR prefers the term "background leader" and that person should be chosen by team selection, even though that may cause a bit of a time crunch. It makes sense to name the Lay Director, the Spiritual Director and the Background Leader for a walk at the same time. Susan Nevills made the motion to name the Lay Director and Background Leader at the same time, and David Hinojosa seconded. The motion passed, with one opposed.
- Richard Wendrock brought up a question that had been discussed in February with no action – the possibility of providing and UR subscription for each pilgrim at each walk. The cost would be \$503 per walk, \$1006 per year. Richard stated that he believes UR is an important source of study for

new pilgrims. Kelsey made the motion to provide a UR subscription to each pilgrim at a cost of \$503 per walk, and Richard Wendrock seconded. The motion failed, with only two in favor.

- Allen passed out a six-page list of members who have not responded to three separate attempts to contact them. He asked for a board decision as to what to do about these members – whether to keep them on the “active” list or move them to the inactive list and not put them into the new database. Kelsey Mills made the motion to move people on this list to the inactive list and not put them in the database, and David Hinojosa seconded. The motion passed, with none opposed. In the meantime, board members will look more closely at names on the list and contact any they may have special knowledge of for direction.

New Business:

- Ti stated that while visitors are always welcome at Board meetings, we do need to have visitors sit apart from board members for discussion and voting purposes. We will need to add an agenda item to allow time for Open Forum comments and questions.
- Board Election will take place in December. Current members should begin seeking interested candidates.
- Anne Kuhlmann presented an update on Women’s Walk 2019:
 - Walk is full with 6 on waiting list
 - Meetings are all scheduled in Marble Falls (July 20, August 10, August 31, September 7 from 8 to 3:00 at FUMC) and will need meals provided
 - Name tags are to be done by Ronnie Lewis
 - Conference Room Team needs copies of pilgrim lists – Allen will check with previous registrar on this
 - Have material for boots
 - Agape list is on website
 - Worked out date conflicts and Janice Hinojosa will be an ALD
 - Need to book FUMC Burnet for candlelight
 - Outside Team currently has 17 applications
- Ti announced that we will start taking applications for Men’s 2020 team in June.
- Susan reminded Richard that the application needs some revisions.
- Troy summed up the discussion of the walks with the statement, “This changes lives!”

HOTEC Lay Director Comments: Ti reminded us that Emmaus is a world-wide event. She played a video filmed by a couple visiting Mexico recently. The small band they heard played the “DeColores” song, a reminder that Emmaus is everywhere!

Jason closed the meeting with prayer at 8:26 p.m.

Next HOTEC E-Board Meeting: July 1, 2019 at 7 p.m. at FUMC Burnet

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Dilworth, Secretary

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