

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

Burnet First United Methodist Church

July 1, 2019      7:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Tom Ruiz, JoAnn Dilworth, Susan Nevills, Janice Hinojosa, Troy Ellett, Allen Mynk, David Hinojosa, Kelsey Mills, Tom Bornschein, Angie Martinez, Suzanne Taylor

**Visitors:** Susan Ellett, Leslie Tomlinson

**Opening Prayer:** Kelsey Mills opened with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Tom Ruiz called the meeting to order in Ti's absence.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the June 2019 minutes with the correction of a typo on page 2 was made by Troy Ellett and seconded by Allen Mynk. The motion passed with none opposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan presented the treasurer's report for June 2019 and stated that additional expenses coming up include the website invoice and insurance renewal.

- Regarding trailer insurance, our rep is currently investigating whether the trailer itself is insured or if it is only be insured under the insurance of the towing vehicle. There is also a question of whether the contents are insured. A motion to accept this report was made by David Hinojosa and seconded by Allen Mynk, and the motion passed. David Hinojosa made a motion to secure whatever insurance is needed, with a second by Tom Bornschein. The motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

- Regarding last month's tabled discussion of reimbursement to lay directors, JoAnn reported that she reviewed all minutes since 2016 when the organizations joined and HOTEK formed and found no record of any reimbursement to any lay directors. Other members reported that previous to that time, at least some of the lay directors did receive reimbursement from the conference.
  - Suzanne stated that she asked last year about reimbursement but was turned down and also received no Board assistance as the incoming director. All agreed that each incoming Lay Director should be given all necessary information and assistance moving forward.
  - Tom Ruiz summarized, stating that we have no record that our organization has ever formally arranged for reimbursement to be made to the lay director. That leaves the lay director two options if they want something in particular: either pay for it on his/her own, or ask that it be sponsored as Agape. If the director wants reimbursement for something, he/she would be required to petition the Board for reimbursement. Allen Mynk made the motion to pay for the Lay Director's registration fee for the walk in lieu of reimbursement, and David Hinojosa seconded. Tom Bornschein amended the motion to add that the Lay Director must approach the Board prior to expenditure to seek reimbursement, and David H. seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed.
  - Tom R. suggested that we start a "laundry list" of things that an incoming Lay Director will need (i.e. postage for original mailing of packets to conference room team at \$2.40 each, etc.).
- In updating last month's discussion of inactive members, Allen reported we have an average of 35 attending the North gathering and 85 attending the South. This is just a numerical count and gives

us a pool of about 120 for our work teams. Janice H. turned in Leander updates to Allen. Tom B. questioned again the need for a sign-in at the gatherings. Leslie mentioned that could possibly be done via computer. Tom R. will check with Richard on that possibility and agreed that it would allow better tracking of our participation. He will check with UR for their position.

**New Business:**

- Leslie Tomlinson presented an update on Women's Walk 2019:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of conference and background teams will be July 20 at Marble Falls FUMC
  - Spiritual team is in place
  - Janice added that the 3 ALD's met with Anne last week
  - Tom Ruiz stated that they have set a rigorous plan for training.
  - Tom B. questioned if prayer team should attend meetings. Tom R. said they should be at the first and last meetings but not for the entire meeting. Troy stated that his daughter had attended all of the previous meetings and prayed with the speakers but had not stayed for the speeches and the rest of the meeting.
  - Leslie asked when the background team will be selected and asked that Allen notify her when that takes place so that she can attend.
- Allen brought up a concern about last month's Board decision to name the Lay Director, Spiritual Director and Background Team Director for each walk at the same time. In conversations with various people since then, most want the Lay Director to have input into the selection of the other two positions. With that in mind, Allen made the motion to select the Lay Director one month and the Spiritual and Background Team Directors the following month, allowing the Lay Director input in their selection. David Hinojosa seconded, and the motion passed.
- Troy reported that he has installed the new seat in the golf cart and wondered if we still need to rent others or if we might be able to request the use of a golf cart as agape. Angie reminded us that the golf carts need to be low to allow easy access.
- Tom Bornschein reported that he, Richard, and Rich Gilcrest are working on a survey regarding Fourth Day Groups. He is trying to get updates on existing groups

**HOTEC Lay Director Comments:** Tom Ruiz thanked the Board for allowing his absence last month for vacation with his family and stated that he believes we are making tremendous strides in advancing our community.

Suzanne closed the meeting with prayer at 7:59 p.m.

**Next HOTEC E-Board Meeting:** August 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. at FUMC Burnet

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Dilworth, Secretary

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