

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board

Burnet First United Methodist Church

August 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ti Mynk, Tom Ruiz, JoAnn Dilworth, Susan Nevills, Jason Teague, Janice Hinojosa, Troy Ellett, Allen Mynk, David Hinojosa, Kelsey Mills, Richard Wendrock, Tom Bornschein, Angie Martinez

Visitors: Susan Ellett, Anne Kuhlmann, Leslie Tomlinson, Matt Schuessler

Opening Prayer: Tom Bornschein opened with prayer at 7:01 p.m.

Ti called the meeting to order.

Minutes: A motion to accept the July 2019 minutes with the correction of a typo on page 2 was made by Kelsey Mills and seconded by David Hinojosa. The motion passed with none opposed.

HOTEC Spiritual Director Comments: Jason read Psalm 119:130 and spoke about Solomon, who possessed great wisdom but often failed to apply it because of his unfaithfulness and idolatry, at great cost to himself and those around him. God's wisdom is available to all; when we ask, He gives it abundantly. God's Word unfolds to any and all who want to pursue Him.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented the treasurer's report for July 2019 showing a balance of \$27,829.80. Richard Wendrock made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Tom Ruiz seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

Old Business:

- Susan Nevills brought up last month's discussion of reimbursement for Lay Directors and decision to not charge the Lay Director for registration for his/her walk. She stated that we have had five walks since we became HOTEC directed by Mike McKeown, Nene Comedy, Gerald Kaspar, Suzanne Taylor and Jesse Martinez. Susan made a motion to repay each of those directors the amount of the registration he/she paid and to donate the amount of Nene's registration to the scholarship fund. The motion was seconded by David Hinojosa and passed with none opposed.
- Troy brought up the need for tags on the trailer and said that it needs an inspection.
- Tom Bornschein questioned what Tom Ruiz had found out from Upper Room regarding membership numbers and accounting. Tom R. stated that he had not yet contacted them but would do so and report back to the board.
- Richard reported on the 4th Day Survey that was sent out. After first sending it to the directors and checking for issues, he sent it to a total of 430 people. Of that number, 199 opened it, and 117 completed the survey. Two asked to be removed from the contact list, and eight were returned for lack of correct address. He will resurvey all who did not respond. It is important that we get a response from everyone, as we are considering assigning a Reunion Group Coordinator at each church. Of those who responded, about 80% are in a reunion group, and 9% want to find a group.

New Business:

- Anne Kuhlmann presented an update on Women's Walk 2019:
 - Going well with next team meeting coming up on Saturday
 - Still need Agape and dinner provided for Thursday night – she asked that this be announced at each gathering
 - Anne asked for copies of all the pilgrim applications and waiting list applications – We currently have a full walk of 36 with 9 on the waiting list. Allen said that it would take him a great deal of time to get that done, and there was some question about the confidentiality issue. Anne will be provided any pertinent information from the applications.
 - Ti reported that the background team has all been tentatively placed, even one from Llano who had not applied. Those placements will be shared with Anne when finalized.
 - Someone mentioned that UR offers the possibility of adding a seventh table, which would also add time on Saturday night.
 - Anne asked that those on the waiting list be automatically contacted to reapply for the next walk, but several board members stated that responsibility for that should fall on sponsors. Tom Ruiz will provide training on sponsorship at August gatherings.
 - Ti and Susan reminded Anne that the upper space in the office building is reserved and has space available for four – might be ideal for clergy who tend to come in later.
- Ti reported on a training she attended for Face to Face, an Upper Room program for those 60 and over. The specifics would be similar to Emmaus with one lay director, one male and one female coach and table leaders but no assistant table leaders or ALDs. The events are coed with tables sex specific. There are 14 talks that are similar but not identical to Emmaus and geared more to the older population. Events are held twice a week for a total of 6 meetings. There would be many logistics issues to work out. Jason will also be attending this training, and we may want to consider an interest meeting after that. Kelsey made a motion to form a subcommittee to research and explore possibilities with local senior centers, and Richard seconded. The motion passed.
- For Men's 2020, Jason announced that the Spiritual Director will be Jon Weems. Matt stated that all energy at this point should be focused on the Women's Walk.

Open Forum:

- Janice Hinojosa said that her church has always bought the mugs for the Emmaus walks, but the mugs have now doubled in cost. In the past, the church has spent around \$400, but the estimated cost for this walk would be between \$700 and \$800 using the supplier in Lampasas that has proven to be reliable and trustworthy. Stating that the value of the mug is in the memory, Tom Ruiz and made a motion that Leander United Methodist provide their regular donation amount and the remainder be paid from our funds. Tom Bornschein seconded, and Allen Mynk amended the motion to state that this would be in effect for this walk only and would be revisited for future walks. The amended motion passed, with none opposed.
- Janice also stated that for the past 2-3 walks, we have had pilgrims who had their significant other assigned to work on the background team, causing numerous issues to the cloistered environment. Anne mentioned that those serving dinner at last year's walk also had pilgrims, causing some disruption and lack of focus. Kelsey made the motion that if your significant other is a pilgrim you will not be assigned to work on the background team, and Janice seconded. The motion passed

with none opposed. Further, Anne and Leslie will not choose servers who have spouses attending. Troy reminded everyone that problems of this sort should be referred to the Spiritual Director; and Richard added that the background team should do nothing to negatively impact the walk.

- Kelsey remembered that the board voted to announce the name of the next lay director at closing and stated that we have not yet made that decision.
- David Hinojosa asked that we pray for the Cross Tracks church in Liberty Hill that suffered a devastating fire. The building between the chapel and main building where most of our meetings at that location were held was a complete loss. The church is a historical marker for Liberty Hill and will be moving to a temporary facility.
- Leslie Tomlinson asked about the possibility of some sort of cloud-based information sharing for sharing information and documents, such as copies of the pilgrim applications. Ti said that she had specifically been told by the previous registrar, Pete Nodecker, that applications were not to be given to the lay director. Allen said that he puts all the pilgrim information into multiple sheets so it's not a simple process. He has all the information but it's too early to put it out until all the last-minute changes are made. Discussion centered around whether information on the applications should influence table assignments, etc. Kelsey said that doing so "takes the God moment out of it" and that we just need to trust God with the details. No motion was made.

Kelsey closed the meeting with prayer at 8:36 p.m.

Next HOTEK E-Board Meeting: TUESDAY, September 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. at FUMC Burnet

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Dilworth, Secretary

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