

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board

Burnet First United Methodist Church

September 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.

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

Visitors: Anne Kuhlmann, Matt Schuessler

Opening Prayer: Susan Nevills opened with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Ti called the meeting to order.

Minutes: The August 5, 2019 minutes were corrected to state that the amount of Nene Comedy's past registration was donated to Don for her grandchildren (rather than to the scholarship fund as originally stated). A motion to accept the minutes with that correction was made by Susan Nevills and seconded by Kelsey Mills. The motion passed with none opposed.

HOTEC Spiritual Director Comments: Jason related the story of his oldest son, a flute player, auditioning for the UT band. At his final audition, he was asked to switch to the trumpet, which he had never played; and he was accepted as a trumpet player, even not knowing how to play that instrument. Paul discussed the importance of such flexibility in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and Jason reminded us that this concept should be evident at the upcoming walk, in us as a Board and for the coming men's walk. We never want to compromise our mission but must remain flexible to keep moving forward – flexible but focused!

Treasurer's Report: Susan left the treasurer's report at the office and will e-mail it tomorrow.

Old Business:

- Susan reported that the amount of Nene Comedy's registration had been reimbursed to Don for her grandchildren at Don's request.
- Janice reported that the invoice for the mugs totaled \$594.75 and the church donated \$400.00 as their agape gift. Maybe another church would be interested in sharing the funding.
- Kelsey requested that a subcommittee be established to further investigate the Face to Face program for this community. Ti will meet with Kelsey to discuss this possibility.

New Business:

- Allen stated that September 4 is the deadline for replacing pilgrims who drop. As decided last year, anyone who drops off later will not be replaced. Troy questioned whether this was a good decision and sees no reason to have open slots if we have a waiting list. Kelsey agreed, stating that she understood that wait list people would be added but no new applications would be taken. Jason asked who the work would fall on for pilgrims added later (i.e. name tags, folders, etc.); and Matt added that they have previously added people at the last minute. Allen explained that he contacts the next person on the waiting list and gives them time to respond before going to the next. He can change that process but doesn't want someone complaining because they got skipped. Janice made a motion to allow the registrar full authority to make necessary decisions to move wait list people to the walk roster, and Susan seconded. The motion passed with two (2) opposed.

- Anne reported no “new” news on the coming walk. The Marble Falls FUMC has a conflict for Saturday’s final training so adjustments are being made for that. Troy agreed to do the agape candles for the Pilgrim’s Chapel. Someone asked about drinks in the trailer, but Troy said those are not stored but are given to Joshua House or local fire stations. Janice reminded us that she has not reserved a golf cart, and Susan said that she will find out tomorrow if one will be donated. Little food agape has been signed up but that is usually not done ahead of time.
- Ti said that lanyards were originally a Southwest Conference decision but UR leaves that up to each community. The Mexicali we’ve been using is becoming difficult to find. The new “rainbow” colors are basically the same but more vibrant. The actual lanyard is an act of Agape but it is the board’s decision as to how they are to look. Ti will bring a sample of the new yarn next month.
- The background coordinator for the Men’s 2020 Walk will be Susan Nevills, and JoAnn will assist her. Suzanne commented that it would be beneficial for those people to serve on an inside team to get a full perspective. The motion to accept Susan as outside coordinator for Men’s 2020 was made by Kelsey Mills and seconded by David Hinojosa. The motion passed with none opposed.

Open Forum:

- Several board members will be going off this year: David Hinojosa, Janice Hinojosa, Susan Nevills, Richard Wendrock (finishing term for Matt Karcher), and Angie Martinez. Jason said that he is still looking for someone to serve as Assistant Spiritual Director. Janice intends to step off of the board to allow room for “new blood.” Be thinking and praying about who might serve as board members for next year.
- Llano is in somewhat of a quandary. They want to be their own community but don’t have the numbers to support that. UR requires 100 signatures to make a new community. Llano is currently doing their own gathering and taking up collections for their scholarship funds.
- In other discussion related to 2019 Women’s Walk:
 - Jason stated that there will be no nursery provided at Burnet FUMC during candlelight.
 - Susan clarified that money paid to each church can be used for whatever the church chooses and isn’t required to be used for child care.
 - Due to fire concerns, we will use electronic candles at candlelight.
 - Anne said that deadline for payment from team members will be before the walk and that she has all of the liability forms.
 - Closing is scheduled for 3 p.m.
 - Book covers and crossed are almost complete.

HOTEC LAY DIRECTOR COMMENTS: Ti said that team members are working together well.

David closed the meeting with prayer at 8:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Dilworth, Secretary

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