

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board

Burnet First United Methodist Church

February 3, 2020, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Tom Bornschein, JoAnn Dilworth, Troy Ellet, Rich Gilchrist, Kelsey Mills, Allen Mynk, Ti Mynk, Tom Ruiz, Jason Teague

Visitors: Matt Schuessler, Patty Bornschein, Susan Nevills, Kim Russell

Opening: Tom Ruiz called the meeting to order at 7:07 and asked Jason Teague to open in prayer.

HOTEC Spiritual Director Comments: As part of Jason's opening prayer, he gave a wonderful overview of the Lord's Prayer and what it means. Many people say it from rote and don't really think about what it means. We need to think about it as we pray it.

Open Forum: Susan Nevills clarified that she did not resign from the board. While no longer a voting member, she's willing to continue as treasurer and is willing to work on separating the positions of treasurer and outside director.

Minutes: The January 21 minutes said that Kelsey Mills refused the position of treasurer. Kelsey clarified that she didn't refuse, but rather declined because she didn't feel qualified. Kelsey motioned to amend the January 21 minutes. Troy Ellet seconded the motion and the motion passed. The amended January 21 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Dilworth reviewed the treasurer's report.

- Tom R. placed an order for 80 pilgrim books and 80 crosses. He'll work with Keren Schuessler. He'll also ordered 100 trifold reunion cards.
- Ti Mynk looked into candles that use AA batteries instead of the flat batteries.

Jason motioned to accept the report. Tom R. seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Financial Audit Recommendation: Tom R. suggested a financial audit. It's a good idea to do it every 3 years, when the treasurer turns over. He will get 3 bids and the board will vote on it. Tom B. made a motion to accept the recommendation. Allen Mynk seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Walk 2020M Lay Director's Report: Matt Schuessler provided an update on the 2020 men's walk.

- The next meeting is on February 8, where 4 more walks will be previewed.
- 14 pilgrims have registered and paid. Matt has one more to turn in, as does JoAnn. There's 20 person minimum.
- The inside and outside teams are progressing.
- We should all be in prayer for the 2020M walk.
- Matt doesn't need anything from the board at this point.
- The coordinators need to pin down commissioning. This can be discussed at the March 23 South gathering in Marble Falls and the April 13 gathering in Burnet.

Walk 2020W Spiritual Director: Ellen Ely was nominated to be the 2020W spiritual director. JoAnn made a motion to approve. Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Review/Approve Nominating Committee: JoAnn is heading up the nominating committee. Six to eight are needed, plus JoAnn. The following people have been identified:

Tom Bornschein	Gary Bible
Troy Ellet	Linda Enderlin
Ti Mynk	Angie Martinez
Mike Olsen	Kelsey Mills

- Kelsey made a motion to approve the committee, Jason seconded the motion and the motion passed. JoAnn will notify the committee members.
- We are targeting the April North and South gatherings to present the nominees.
- We will decide the manner of voting at the March board meeting.
- JoAnn will draft an e-mail to see if anyone is interested in serving on the board and Allen will send it out.
- If there are more names nominated than board positions, the board will winnow it down.
- Matt mentioned that being active in a church and a reunion group is a requirement and we need to avoid people with an agenda.

Agape Book Table: Tom R. talked about the book table at past walks, where some books are free and some have to be purchased. Going forward, all books should be free.

- We would like to collect books from people willing to donate them.
- We can also buy some books from The Upper Room. A package of 31 books costs \$299.
- Kelsey made a motion to buy the books. Tom B. seconded the motion.
- The motion was amended to say if we don't get enough donations by the March 23 South gathering, that the order will be placed.
- The motion passed.

Lay Director Comments:

- A suggestion was made to design a tee shirt to be used as a fundraiser. A question was raised about whether or not to earmark the funds. We will discuss at the March board meeting.
- Tom R. is currently researching how to allow Ti to be a voting member of the board (former lay directors can't be voting members). Upper Room bylaws say that people should become assistant lay directors until their second year. If they become lay directors in their third year, the follow year they are off the board, so it isn't an issue.
- We don't have anything in writing regarding the administration of scholarships. There is a practice, but nothing in writing. This will be a future task to address.
- New business will not be entertained on an ad hoc basis during a board meeting. New business needs to be e-mailed to Tom R. prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM at FUMC of Burnet.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Gilchrist, Secretary

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