

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board – Special Meeting

Zoom Meeting

May 26, 2021, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Alan Bazard, Tom Bornschein, JoAnn Dilworth, Rich Gilchrist, Allen Mynk, Ti Mynk, Tom Ruiz, and Jason Teague,

Visitors: Paula Mays-Hall, Matt Schuessler, Jon Weems

Special Meeting: This special meeting was called by Tom R. via an e-mail sent on May 22 (attached) for the purpose of discussing plans for Walks 2020 and 2021, community support, and the status of the teams.

- Recently, Tom R., Matt, Jason, and Jon reviewed what to do regarding the upcoming walks this fall. Some of the issues we face include the following:
 - There are issues where several people on the inside team object to being vaccinated or tested.
 - We are short on clergy members.
 - Community members are divided regarding Covid.
 - There are logistical issues to putting on the walks right now due to diminish team member numbers.
 - There really isn't enough time to hold the requisite number of meetings necessary to put on a walk.
 - There may be issues with having enough pilgrims. For example, there are currently only 4 women signed up. Most applications are submitted in person and with most churches still experiencing limited attendance, this poses a challenge.
- The meeting ended abruptly due to the expiration of our time on Zoom. Tom R. followed up with this e-mail. A follow up meeting will be scheduled.

- Tom R. suggested that, rather than holding walks in 2021, we focus on healing the community, which had some disagreements prior to Covid. No formal vote was taken, but there appeared to be support for this approach.
 - We are nearing a point where we should be able to hold monthly gatherings, including pot luck dinners.
- The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Gilchrist, Secretary

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