

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board Meeting

February 7, 2022, 7:00 PM, Burnet FUMC

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

1. JoAnn called the meeting to order at 7:00.
2. Jason opened us in prayer.
3. The November minutes were reviewed. Tom motioned to accept the minutes. Ti seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. The checking account balance as of December 31, 2021 was \$19,051.26.
 - b. The scholarship fund is large. Some of the money may need to be moved to the general fund at some point.
 - c. Collections from the gatherings are down significantly due to lower attendance.
5. 2022 Calendar:
 - a. All dates and venues for 2022 have been confirmed.
 - b. In February, we will have a joint gathering on the 28th instead of having a separate North gathering on the 14th. It was felt that Valentine's Day might suppress attendance.
 - c. The joint gathering will be in Marble Falls and will also be used to commission the teams.
6. Men's Walk 2020:
 - a. Bobby Epstein was going to be a table assistant but has moved to Germany and won't be able to attend. Matt has some ideas to fill that position.
 - b. Everyone was OK with Matt moving forward with this.
 - c. There are 5 pilgrims as of February 7.
 - d. If there aren't enough pilgrims (minimum of 20), the Walk will have to be cancelled.
 - i. We'll set a soft deadline of March 20 (the Sunday before the Walk).
 - ii. We can go as late as the start of the Walk but getting letters for the pilgrims will be a challenge for late sign ups.
 - e. In case of a cancellation, Eagle's Wings will apply the deposit to the Women's Walk 2022.
 - f. We will revisit the attendance issue at the next meeting on March 7.
 - g. The invoice from Eagle's Wings is based on 80 people at \$105 each. The invoice is not itemized. JoAnn asked several times if everything was included on the invoice, and they said yes.
 - h. First UMC in Burnet needs to be reserved for Candlelight on March 26.
 - i. Three buses need to be reserved to transport people from Eagle's Wings to the church and back.
 - j. We can get the handicapped bus from First UMC Marble Falls.
7. Alternate Walk locations:
 - a. Alternate locations for future Walks were discussed.
 - b. Camp Peniel:
 - i. The distance between the cabins, function room, and the chapel is too great and wouldn't work logistically. Therefore, Camp Peniel has been ruled out for future Walks.
 - c. Camp Buckner:
 - i. This location is very nice and would work logistically.
 - ii. The cost is \$158 per person.
 - iii. They supply the food and the chef team.
 - iv. The cost breaks down to \$32 per night, \$8 per meal.
 - v. Eagle's Wings is less expensive.
 - vi. Our Walks are held in Camp Buckner's off season.
 - vii. They are very flexible dietarily and don't cook with nuts or shellfish.
 - viii. Candlelight could be held on the premises.

- ix. Camp Buckner is a possibility for future consideration.
- d. Baptist Encampment in Spicewood:
 - i. The cost is \$225 per person and the deposit is non-refundable.
- e. It's worth noting that we have a good working relationship with Eagle's Wings and they are very accommodating, such as their willingness to apply the Men's deposit to the Women's Walk if the Men's is canceled.
- f. The feeling is that we should not increase the price we charge for Walks in 2022, but we will need to consider a price increase for 2023. This will be discussed again at the October meeting.
- g. Ti researched what other groups charge for Walks and most are more expensive than HOTEC.
- 8. Nominating committee update:
 - a. Three confirmed yeses and a fourth is thinking about it.
 - b. We will vote on and commission board members on February 28.
 - c. New members will serve from 2022 to 2024.
- 9. Possible bylaws changes:
 - a. The goal is to draft revised bylaws in time for the September board meeting, discuss at the October meeting, present to the community in November, and vote on them in December.
 - b. The Upper Room bylaws will be used as a template.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Gilchrist, Secretary

February 13, 2022