

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board Meeting

February 6, 2023, 7:00 PM, Burnet FUMC

Attendees: JoAnn Dilworth, Rich Gilchrist, Mary Gonzalez, Roberta Goodman, Robert Hall, Bob Munsey, Laura Orr,

Guests: Troy Ellet, Kelsey Mills

1. Bob called the meeting to order at 7:01 and Roberta opened us in prayer.
2. December & January Minutes:
 - a. Laura motioned to accept the December and January minutes, JoAnn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - b. Note: The motion for the December minutes was done in lieu of the motion in January by Allen Mynk, seconded by Troy, neither of whom are board members.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. We need to determine where and when to send the Upper Room donation.
 - b. There was discussing regarding how to use the \$2,000 donation from New Beginnings Community Church, which was designated for the Scholarship Fund.
 - i. We could move \$2,000 of the prior balance of \$3,000 to the General Fund and let the donation bring it back to \$3,000 or leave the Scholarship Fund at \$5,000.
 - ii. If left at \$5,000, we can publicize the extra money so that people can go on a Walk who might not have otherwise.
 - iii. We decided to leave the Scholarship Fund at \$5,000 and publicize it several ways – announce it at gathering, e-mail, tell sponsors, have Lay Directors announce it at their meetings.
4. Men's Walk 2023 Update:
 - a. Russell was unable to make the meeting due to having Covid.
 - b. A clergy member dropped out, but has already been replaced.
 - c. One team meeting has been held and another one will be held on February 11 at First United Methodist in Marble Falls.
 - d. Keren Schussler will be JoAnn's assistant as the Outside Team coordinator.
5. Board Assignments:
 - a. The Nominating Committee will come up with names to replace Board members who will roll off at the end of 2023.
 - b. Mike Olson is a signatory on the checking account. Due to the inconvenience associated with changing signatories, he will remain for now. This was deemed to be very low risk.
 - c. There were no issues with the Board or Committee positions discussed in the January meeting.
6. Communications to the Community:
 - a. Some community members have reported that they don't receive e-mail notifications.
 - b. It was decided to send an e-mail to remind the community of gathering 4 days prior to the gathering and send another one the day of, encouraging them to come.
 - c. We discussed starting a practice of sending gathering notifications via text, since this has become the primary mode of communication for most people.
 - a. Kelsey discussed a service that can be used to facilitate the sending of text messages, but it was quite expensive - \$300-\$400 per month.
 - b. Rich volunteered to look into it as well.
7. How to strengthen Reunion Groups:
 - a. Bob is passionate about strengthening the community and the Reunion Groups.
 - b. Richard Wendrock is the coordinator.
 - c. We decided to invite Richard to the March meeting to discuss. Rich will contact Richard.
8. JoAnn closed us in prayer at 8:03 and Bob closed the meeting at 8:04

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Gilchrist, Secretary

February 16, 2023