

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board Meeting

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

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

Guests: Russell Cochran, Troy Ellet, Kelsey Mills

1. Bob called the meeting to order at 7:03 and Richard opened us in prayer.
2. February Minutes:
 - a. JoAnn motioned to accept the February minutes, Mary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. It is per the February bank statement.
 - b. There were no questions or comments.
4. Men's Walk 2023 Update from Russell:
 - a. It was reported in the February minutes that a clergy member had to drop out, but had already been replaced. The replacement is Kit Tomlinson.
 - b. Two meetings have been held, with another to be held on March 11.
 - i. Angie Martinez is going to provide lunch for the March 11 meeting.
 - c. Things are going well.
 - d. Penny Mill will provide lunch for the April 1 team meeting.
 - i. JoAnn will work on providing breakfast for the April 1 meeting.
 - e. The web page appears to still have references to the 2022 Walks.
 - f. JoAnn has received feedback saying that the Walk start time on Thursday should be earlier so people don't have to wait around so long.
 - i. Currently, it starts at 7:00, with people told to arrive between 6:30 and 7:00.
 - ii. We're going to change the start time to 6:30, with people arriving between 6:00 and 6:30.
 - g. We need to buy about 20 flashlights to give to table leads to escort their pilgrims around the grounds after dark.
 - i. Laura will check Costco for flashlights.
 - ii. Table leads will turn in the flashlights after the Walk.
 - h. JoAnn moved for Paula Mays-Hall to be the board representative for the Women's Walk. Mary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Community Communications:
 - a. Three e-mails per month will be sent: one at the beginning of the month, another one week before a gathering and a third the day before a gathering.
 - b. Texting update:
 - i. Kelsey found a service that charges \$228 per year plus 3¢ per message. For example, it would cost \$9 to send 300 messages.
 - ii. The service has grouping capabilities, so it would be easy to send a group text to the board, the inside team, the community members to alert them about gatherings, etc.
 - iii. We need to gather phone numbers and build a database to start using this service.
 - iv. We need to e-mail the community with instructions to receive texts.

- v. We can also make it a standard part of each gathering to collect this data. This can be accomplished during the gathering by telling people to send a text, thereby collecting the data.
 - c. Mary moved to start on this immediately. JoAnn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Reunion Group update from Richard Wendrock:
 - a. We should have the various 4th Day leaders promote reunion groups during the Walk.
 - b. Text baby chicks after a couple of weeks with 4th Day information.
 - c. Encourage people to start a new group.
 - d. Richard presented the current list of reunion groups, but it's unknown how many people are in 4th Day groups.
 - e. We can ask the table leads to contact the sponsor about getting their pilgrims into a 4th Day group. The sponsor is primarily responsible for getting the pilgrim into a group.
 - f. Richard mentioned at the meeting that we should ask every sponsor to sign up for the Prayer Vigil to pray for their pilgrim.
- 7. Other:
 - a. Mary is working with the Greater Austin community for their first Walk since the pandemic. They need help with both inside and outside teams.
 - b. Troy said we need more 4th Day books, purple books, and crosses. We did receive some crosses, but they are the wrong kind. They are for Chrysalis.
 - c. Laura will look into new insurance.
 - d. Bob will offer his chair remarks via e-mail.
- 8. Rich closed us in prayer at 8:03 and Bob closed the meeting at 8:04

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Gilchrist, Secretary

March 21, 2023