

Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community

Executive Board Meeting - November 6, 2025

Attendees: Bob Munsey, Ti Mynk, Laura Orr, JoAnn Dilworth, Kelly Lowery, Grady Roe, Sharon Mach, Kevin Wester

Guests: Dave Londa, Mike McDougall

1. Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Pastor Grady Roe led in an opening prayer.
3. Minutes of the October 6, 2025 meeting were approved.
4. Laura presented the Financial Report for October.
 - o Figures for W2025 are almost complete, including scholarships and reimbursements.
 - o W2025 showed a small net gain, but all team meetings, Candlelight, and Upper Room registrations were paid from the General Fund.
5. Men's Walk 2026 – Mike McDougall
 - o Scripture theme is Joshua 24:15 with maybe tree of life, roots, etc. as visual.
 - o Ronnie Lewis has agreed to make the name badges. Consider providing a badge for all who register, not just Pilgrims and Conference Team, and wearing them at Closing.
 - o Breakfasts at team meetings will be provided by Team members and Servant Team at joint meeting. Community needs to be asked to provide lunches.
 - o Cody Logan has agreed to serve as Spiritual Director.
 - o Matt Schuessler was approved as Board Representative.
 - o JoAnn has 7 applications for Conference Team and 1 for the music team.
6. Sharon Mach is doing a fantastic job with the emails she sends to the Community. She will add reminders for completing M2026 applications as well as agape requests.
7. Grady presented two observations from the recent New Life Walk that we assisted last month.
 - o Waiting in the pavilion area until all the Pilgrims arrive sets the whole program behind. Starting 15 minutes after the scheduled time allows grace, but respects all who came on time.
 - o At Candlelight, rowdy responses as towns are named during the talk by the Spiritual Director detract from the worship atmosphere. The practice is “local” and can be eliminated from both the announcements and talk.
8. JoAnn presented a preliminary 2026 calendar for review. She will reach out to Highland Lakes UMC to see if they can host. Dave will ask the Bee Creek UMC about their interest.
9. Board Member Nominations
 - o Bob Munsey, Laura Orr and Grady Roe have terms that expire in 2025. Bob and Laura will serve another term if asked.
 - o Kelly will ask for nominations at the November Gathering. The Board will approve the nominees at the December meeting for vote by the Community at the Gathering.

10. Emmaus Ministries
 - o Chrysalis
 - JoAnn provided a chart that shows the differences between the Emmaus Walk program and the Chrysalis program.
 - Kelly recommended offering a Chrysalis weekend in spring or summer when school is out and for both genders at the same time. The groups are only together for drop-off, Candlelight and Closing, so facility would have to accommodate the separate meeting areas.
 - Kelly will contact the Uvalde community to get more information about a Chrysalis weekend and she will check out facilities in our area.
 - o Interest was also expressed in Face to Face, the program for older adults.
11. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm and Mike McDougall closed with prayer.

Laura Orr, Secretary