

Minutes: Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board Meeting

October 7, 2024, 7:00 PM, Burnet FUMC

Attendees: Alan Bazard, Rich Gilchrist, Robert Hall, Cody Logan, Bob Munsey, Laura Orr, Richard Wendrock

Guests: JoAnn Dilworth, Troy Ellet, Kelly Lowery

1. Bob called the meeting to order at 7:03 and Cody opened us in prayer.
2. The September minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. We've incurred \$4,958.64 in expenses for the Women's Walk thus far. Receipts are \$6,860.00 thus far. We anticipate an additional \$4,900.00 in expenses. It remains a mystery as to why Women's Walk expenses consistently exceed receipts.
 - b. We are now set up to receive payments via Venmo. It can be used for registration fees, gathering donations, general donations, etc.
 - i. Richard and Alan will work on linking a QR code that can be used for Venmo, PayPal, and credit card receipts.
4. Women's Walk 2024:
 - a. There are 31 pilgrims thus far.
 - b. Tables and cabins have been assigned.
 - c. A sample program has been created.
 - d. Book covers have been completed.
 - e. The theme verse is Ephesians 2:4-5; ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
 - f. The talks schedule has been created. It was created so that every table will always have at least one leader at the table. This addresses an issue from the last walk, where there were times where no leaders were at a table.
5. 2025 Walk dates:
 - a. Men's: March 6-9, 2025
 - b. Women's: September 25-28, 2025
6. Other Walk related business:
 - a. Richard proposed the following dates for 2026 to 2029:
 1. April 23-26, 2026
 2. April 22-25, 2027
 3. April 20-23, 2028
 4. April 19-22, 2029
 - ii. He tentatively reserved these with Eagle's Wings.
 - iii. Further discussion is required before committing to these dates. This will be done at a subsequent meeting.
 - b. The ordering of materials for the Men's Walk and possibly the Women's Walk for 2025:
 - i. Purple books
 - ii. Day 4 books
 - iii. Crosses
 - iv. It was decided that it's best to order these shortly after the Women's Walk.
 1. We will discuss further in November.
 2. Ordering for both Walks is good for inventory management. It also reduces shipping costs.
 - c. Richard will update the online pilgrim application PDF form to reflect the new registration fee of \$200.

7. Possible Board candidates:

- a. Troy Ellet
- b. Kelly Lowery
- c. Sharon Mach from Brady
- d. Laura made a motion to accept the nomination of these candidates. JoAnn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- e. Cody mentioned the need to bring on new blood.
 - i. Troy said he will withdraw his name if a new candidate emerges.

8. Communications:

a. 2025 calendar:

	Board Meetings	Gatherings	Walks
January	Jan. 6	Jan. 27	
February	Feb. 3	Feb. 17	
March	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 6-9 (Men)
April	Apr. 7	Apr. 28	
May	May 6	May 19	
June	Jun. 2	Jun. 23	
July	Jul. 7	Jul. 28	
August	Aug. 4	Aug. 25	
September	Sep. 8	Sep. 29	Sep. 25-28 (Women's)
October	Oct. 6	Oct. 27	
November	Nov. 3	Nov. 17	
December	Dec. 1	Dec. 15	

b. Richard reviewed some Mail Chimp issues:

- i. E-mails will soft bounce when the recipient's mailbox is full. Richard will contact these people in an attempt to resolve the issue.
- ii. Mail Chimp doesn't appear to allow the editing of names and phone numbers. Richard will continue to pursue this issue with them.

9. Other:

- a. Prayers for Sid Spiller, showing early signs of dementia.

10. Meeting adjourned and Bob closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Gilchrist

October 8, 2024