

**Heart of the Ozarks
Emmaus Board Meeting
Grace Community United Methodist Church
June 24, 2017
*Minutes***

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Kelly Collier in the absence of Board Chair, Amy Jo Williams

Members Present:

Bobby Bell	Bonnie Sher	
Kathryn O'Brien	Art Alderson	Kelly Collier

Opening Devotional – Kathryn O'Brien

Prayer – Kelly Collier

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting held February 18, 2017 submitted by Kathryn O'Brien, Secretary.

- Motion to approve with edits by Art Alderson; second by Bobby Bell
Motion carried

Financial Report and Budget – Kelly Collier

- Motion to accept report (dated 06/23/17) by Bobby Bell; second by Bonnie Sher
Motion carried
- Art Alderson led discussion on finances.
- The "Admin" category will be changed to "General Expenses".
- Board agreed to hold \$3500 as prudent reserve. This will ensure sufficient monies to cover operating expenses such as copyright renewal, insurance, etc.
- In the future, the "Walks" column of the report will reflect current and anticipated expenses to more accurately capture the financial status of Walks.
- There are 8 pilgrim payments for the Women's Walk which will be carried forward to the Spring, 2018 Walk. The funds will be returned if these pilgrims choose not to participate in that Walk.
- The Board agreed to waive collection of the \$116 still owed by a servant for the Women's 2017 Walk.

Board Positions, Resignations and Elections

- Prior to the Board meeting, Jeanne Carroll, Cindy Miller and Brad Robertson all expressed an interest in serving on the Board. Jeanne and Brad were present for the meeting. These three individuals were added as new members to fill existing vacancies. Board responsibilities for these individuals will be made at the August Board meeting.

- Bonnie Sher shared that Bob Bretch is also interested in serving on the Board. She will follow-up with him prior to the August meeting.
- The resignation of Board member, Stefan Lyons was accepted. Amy Jo Williams, Board Chair will notify the Upper Room of this change as well as new additions to the Board. Bobby Bell will talk with Amy Jo regarding the Upper Room contact.
- Board elections will be initiated in October and completed in November.

Board Rep Reports

- Report for Walk #92 was briefly provided by Kathryn O'Brien.

2017 Men's Spring Walks (#91)

- Rescheduled to October 19-22 at Camp Siloam
- Will Larkin will serve as the Lay Director (LD) and Steve Poarch will continue in the role of Spiritual Director (SD).
- Dennis Sanders and Tony Coffey are serving on Team Selection for the Board. The new team is mostly filled. Any remaining openings should be filled by the first training.
- Training dates are set as follows:
 - August 5, 2017
 - September 9, 2017
 - October 7, 2017

Communications

- Art Alderson led an extensive discussion of the need for setting goals, objectives and identifying purpose. He proposed (as previously) that each Board member be assigned churches within a given area to gain personal relationships within the HOTO Emmaus Community and Gatherings held within the identified areas. He will provide a draft to guide future Board discussion of these items.
- Amy Jo Williams will need to send Debbie Brandon a formal thank you acknowledging her many years of service and transferring administrative privileges for the data base to Jeanne Carroll. A date for transfer of privileges will need to be set.

Board Training

- Amy Jo Williams will need to contact Sharon Garrison regarding Board training opportunities. Art Alderson and Bobby Bell will assist in getting this information.

Upcoming Events

- Chrysalis
 - Girls' Flight – July 12-15
 - Boys' Flight – July 19-22
 - Both Flights will be held at St. Paul's UMC in Fort Smith
- Fall, 2017 Face-to-Face
 - October 7, 10, 12 & 14 at CUMC in Fayetteville
- Men's Walk #91

- October 19-22 at Camp Siloam
- Walk Dates for 2018
 - Men's Walk – April 19-22
 - Women's Walk – April 26-29
 - Location for both TBD
 - Training dates [location for all TBD]
 - February 3, 2018
 - March 3, 2018
 - March 10, 2018 (inclement weather/make-up date)
 - April 4, 2018
- Spring, 2018 Face-to-Face
 - TBD (Ozark UMC or Heritage UMC)

Remaining Board Meeting Dates for 2017

- August 26th – Eureka Springs UMC at 9:30 a.m.
- October 28th – Ozark UMC at 9:30 a.m.
- December 2nd – Video Conference [time and location TBD]

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.