

**Heart of the Ozarks
Emmaus Board Meeting
Eureka Springs United Methodist Church
August 26, 2017
*Minutes***

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Amy Jo Williams, Community Lay Director and Board Chair.

Members Present:

Amy Jo Williams	Bonnie Sher	Karen Hawkins
Kathryn O'Brien	Art Alderson	Jeff Jackson
Brad Robertson	Dennis Sanders	

Opening Devotional – Kathryn O'Brien

Prayer – Jeff Jackson

Approval of Minutes from Board meeting held June 24, 2017 submitted by Kathryn O'Brien, Secretary.

- Motion to approve (with edits) by Jeff Jackson; second by Bonnie Sher
Motion carried

Financial Report and Budget – No report – Kelly Collier, Treasurer was unavailable.

- Art Alderson led discussion on finances with focus on 3 major points
 - Need to be sure there is a budget for each event
 - Should pursue donations for meals at Walks
 - Need to create a level Walk cost to pilgrims/servants regardless of location

HOTO Goals, Objectives & Purpose

- Art Alderson reviewed the draft he created for Board consideration.
- Art agreed to edit the document according to Board review and provide at the October Board meeting.

Board Positions, Resignations and Elections

- Amy Jo Williams, Community Lay Director and Bobby Bell, Community Spiritual Director will create a letter inviting nominations from the Community.
- Bonnie Sher agreed to serve as Board Elections Chair which entails mailing out the letter soliciting nominations from the HOTO Emmaus Community.
- All Board members will share the letter via various means of contact:
 - Website – Kathryn O'Brien
 - FaceBook – All who use this means of electronic communication

- Phone – All who know of individuals who might have an interest in serving on the Board.
- Timeline was set as follows:
 - September 15, 2017 – Letter requesting nominations
 - October 15, 2017 – Ballots to be mailed to Community
 - November 15, 2017 – Ballots due
 - December 1, 2017 – Ballots tallied and new Board members notified of first meeting (retreat) on January 19/20, 2018 (beginning at 6 p.m. on 19th with dinner and concluding at 3:00 p.m. on the 20th)
 - January 26/27 – inclement weather alternate dates for Board retreat.

Board Rep Reports

- Chrysalis – Summer 2017 (Ken McNamara)
 - Tabled

2018 Walks

- Two proposals were considered:
 - *Proposal #1* – Spring, 2018 hold Women’s Walk (#94) with no 2018 Men’s Walk (no #93) and hold both Men’s (#95) and Women’s (#96) Walks in Spring, 2019.
 - *Proposal #2* – Spring, 2018 hold Women’s Walk (#94) and Fall, 2018 hold Men’s (#93) Walk with both Men’s (#95) and Women’s (#96) Walks in Spring, 2019.
- Proposal #2 was approved.
- Walk #94
 - Team Selection is in process.
 - Megan Petty will serve as Lay Director.
 - Spiritual Director has not been selected.
 - Some leads for committees have been tentatively determined.
 - Training dates are set but location needs to be confirmed.
 - February 3, 2018
 - March 3, 2018
 - March 10, 2018 (inclement weather/make-up date)
 - April 4, 2018
 - St. Scholastica is proposed site for the Walk but needs to be confirmed. Amy Jo Williams will make contact to secure this location for April 26-29, 2018.

Communications

- Art Alderson led discussion of the need for dividing the HOTO Emmaus Community by geographic region to pursue communication with area churches.
- Brad Robertson will draft a design for consideration at the October Board meeting.

Board Training

- September, 28th – “Dinner with Doc” being organized by Art Alderson
- September 29th – Face-to-Face training 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- September 30th – Walk Board training 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Face-to-Face Encounter for October has been canceled and rescheduled for March 17, 20, 22, 24 at Fayetteville CUMC.
 - Lynn Hall will serve as Lay Director.
 - Brian Fink will serve as Spiritual Director.
 - Les Havens will serve as Music Lead.
- Men's Walk #91
 - October 19-22 at Camp Siloam
 - Team is full.
 - Need Board Rep – may be shared with Dennis as the designee to complete the report.
 - Board approved September 25th as the deadline for Pilgrim Applications.
 - Walk will be canceled if there are insufficient applications by the deadline.

Remaining Board Meeting Dates for 2017

- October 28th – Ozark UMC (Garner Bldg.) at 9:30 a.m.
- December 2nd – Video Conference [time and location TBD]

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.