

# Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting

November 14, 2023

People present: Pastor Nancy Fancher, Jim Platt, Pastor Mark Johnson, Janet Ball, Denise Epps, Kathy Wilson, Bruce Davenport, Pastor Ted Orwig, Jack Nartker, Eric Iversen Andrea Lyster, Karen Mater

**Call to Order:** 7:03 PM

Prayer by Pastor Mark Johnson, devotion by Pastor Ted Orwig.

## **Old Business:**

Motion to approve October minutes as is, seconded by Pastor Ted. Motion passed.

## **New Business:**

**Board Rep Report:** Everyone received a written copy. Kathy has the Board Rep book to pass on to the next Board Rep. The report needs to be used to help improve the upcoming Men's walk. It would be better if there were smaller tables in the conference room. Some of the missing kitchen totes have been found. Discovered that some of the banners were damaged and need to be replaced. Eric has access to a 36" wide printer with roll paper at work and will ask if he can use it to print new banners.

The Board Rep manual has been completely revised. Rosemary has been updating the manuals; found the Lay Director training manual and Bruce gave Jack a copy. Denise asked if we can use the manuals we have, or do we need to order new (TL, ALD, LD, ATL). We only need one set of manuals, not one woman's walk set and one men's walk set. Eric asked if as the Lansing Area Emmaus, can we use the same manuals we purchased 10 years ago? Bruce said that the covenant agreement we sign each year states if we can or must purchase new manuals per year. Denise can contact the regional manager to find out, especially cost-wise. We are good for the Men's walk (Andy). The trailer is all set up for the walk.

**Lay Director Report:** The Women's walk was successful, and problems were minor and didn't affect the pilgrims. Each pilgrim needs a team person in their sleep room to answer questions. There was a mix-up in the Agape room with letters regarding personal letters; only 10 were supposed to be placed in the packets. The ALD's were great, TL's and ATL's worked well. Janet will get her printed report to Eric electronically.

## **Upcoming Men's Walk**

Kathy made a motion to make Eric the Board Rep for the Men's walk. Denise seconded. Eric agreed to the proposal and the motion passed.

Pastor Ted spoke to Andy Sass and has the dates for training. Still need a third ALD. He has one TL and needs a list of possible ATL's. Eric would like the old files that list the pilgrims from the last Men's walk. Julie Anderson or Karen McClendon. Andy's goal is to follow the model as much as possible in finding the conference room team. Team meetings for Men's walk have been set to be January 6, January 13 (or 22nd), February 3, 17th and 24th (if needed).

Mark will do Candlelight and Andy will set the date for the walk reunion.

The data from returned evaluations of the last walk have been compiled. Overall, everyone thought it was an excellent experience.

Mt. Hope United Methodist Church will be Hope Community Church as of June 1, 2024.

## **December Meeting:**

We need to set up for the board retreat in January. Karen made a motion to allow Denise to set up the January retreat, Jack seconded. Motion passed. Discussion about having the December meeting a Zoom meeting or a Teams meeting. Eric can set up an unlimited length Teams meeting, or Denise has a Zoom subscription and can set up an unlimited length Zoom meeting. Eric made a motion to create a Zoom meeting for December, Pastor Ted seconded. Motion passed.

Eric has the Bylaws electronically and will send them to Denise.

**January Retreat:** Denise suggested having the retreat, starting at 8 Am on January 13th, then go to the LaValley gathering.

## **New Board Member Nominations:**

Jim Marsh: Denise motioned to nominate him; Bruce seconded. Jim can do the trailer. Motion passed.

Janet Ball: Eric motioned to nominate her; Andrea seconded. Motion passed.

Michelle Lautner: Motion to have Michelle as a new board member. Jack seconded; motion carried.

Denise has people who are asking others about joining the board. We have 9 open positions. Kathy has a couple other names; they are interested but their obstacle is their work schedule. Names should be in by the December meeting (we actually should have voted for new board meetings in October). We are going back to the Model, or as much as we can, but to do so, we need many more hands on the board.

## **Existing Board Members:**

Doris is stepping down as the Community Lay Director. All of the current board members are qualified to be the Community Lay Director. Eric has considered it but is very busy and doesn't feel he can do justice to the roll at this time and wants all board members to consider and pray about taking on the position.

Bruce: After 10 years on the board, he feels it's time to step down. He is happy that Jim is willing to help.

## **Other Business**

Eric motioned to extend the meeting another 15 minutes; motion passed.

Mark found a challenge on the women's walk was the microphone. He would like to volunteer to purchase a quality one. Bruce said he has been researching them and feels a wireless microphone would be best. If Mark buys one, but the board will pay for it, Mark will need to give the bill to the treasurer.

Pastor Nancy: A new Accountability group has just started at Hope just today and six people attended.

Eric: De we need to buy a printer: Rosemary brought her personal printer to the walk, then Pastor Nancy made copies. Denise agreed that we need a printer but feels it can wait until we have built up more funds.

Jim: Suggest we give the church (Hope) a \$250.00 donation. Eric made a motion for the board to make a \$250.00 donation to Hope Church, Bruce seconded. Motion passed. We also should send a letter of thanks to the church.

**Treasurer Report:** We opened the Women's walk with \$1100.28. We gathered \$5401.28 in fees from the walk, and we received donations from people at candlelight, but still have some bills to pay. Currently, our balance is \$2655.66, and after the bills are paid, we will be at \$2400; much better than before. We should look into accepting money via Venmo, PayPal, Zelle or other peer-to-peer application (Pastor Ted's church uses Subsplash) to make it easier for people to make donations or pay for walks.

Closed with Prayer by Pastor Ted at 8:44 pm.