

Lansing Emmaus Board Mtg Minutes

Date: 02.13.2024

Attendance: Pastor Nancy Fancher, Denise Epps, Andria Lyster, Wendy Wixom, Michelle Lautner, Patty Lankton, Mark Johnson, Jim Platt, Janet Ball, Eric Iverson, Jim Marsh (Secretary)

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

- Denise asked if someone would take minutes; Jim Marsh volunteered.
- Denise asked if we could table 2024 By-Law changes until after the men's walk.
- Opening Prayer (Pastor Nancy), devotion dream big through the eyes of a young baby
-- As I hold a precious baby, with starlight in her eyes, my heart brims with awe. Fill her life with the wonder of Your creation, and let her spirit soar with big dreams, reaching for the stars. Guide her, like the disciples on the Emmaus Road, to walk in Your light, discovering Your love with every step. Grant her courage to pursue her aspirations, resilience to face challenges, and a heart overflowing with kindness and compassion. May she experience Your grace each day and find strength and comfort in Your embrace.
Bless this little life, dear God, and watch over her journey.
Amen.
- Old Business: December Mtg Minutes: made by Kathy, seconded by Denise – voted - Motion passed.
- January Mtg Minutes: motioned by Jim Platt, seconded by Wendy – voted - motion passed
- **Treasurer Report** – Jack Nartker: Balance \$2,142.59, motioned by Janet Ball, second by Wendy Wixom, voted – motion passed

Board Reports

Men's Walk Status Update: Andy Sass; Mark Johnson said a prayer for Pilgrims and Team Members

of Pilgrims: 10, 3 Tables, with a possible of 7 more coming

Men's Emmaus Walk #104

Date: 03.07-10.2024

Location: Mt Hope UMC

501 E Mt Hope Ave

Lansing, MI 48910

Behind the Scenes (BTS) Walk Through: 2.24.24, 09-1200, CR Team 10-1600

Agape: Patty Lankton, needs crosses NLT 2.22.24, Wendy Wixom asked Tom's Western Gear, Michelle Lautner said she can cover the rest, Jim is planning to organize a work party to make crosses.

Facilities Coordinator: Mark Hann

Set-up & Tear down: Jim Platt Lead, Doug Elzerman, Dave Putnam, Mark Hann

Housekeeping: POC Barb Tyler for Traci, all set, no issues

Kitchen Lead: will ask Kim Wall and Sherri Anderson: 231.972.7679. Deb/Troy Bongarder: ??

Cathy Dobie is unavailable; Mike Walker or Steve Block, or Kirt Lardy.

Fall Walk: Jack Nartker volunteered / Karen Matter might be interested or the food coordinator

Supply Trailer: Jim Marsh presented spare trailer keys to Denise Epps & Eric Iverson.

- Requested that if anyone needed something new for the trailer to send Jim M.

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- Trailer location: Eric Iversen's home
- Trailer Volunteers: Doug Elderman, Bruce & Rosemary, Eric Iverson
- Jim - Make sure you have extra time to ensure candles work for CandleLight

Reunion: April 13th, Saturday, 4:30 PM

- Preference: Pilgrim Global Methodist (Address: 2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI 48879)
 - or LeValley (4018 Kelsey Hwy, Ionia, MI 48846)

Manuals: Denise wants to ensure all board members have the required manuals.

- Board of Directors Manual (little): need to order 10
- Community Manual (big): need to order: 4
- Walk Lay Directors Manual: Green, need to order 2

Next Board Mtg: 03.12.2024, can be Zoom, discuss dates/locations for the next two walks

Next Walk Projected Location/Dates Discussion:

- **Criteria:** Central MI (N. of Lansing), separated Pilgrims, multiple entry doors, Large organized Kitchen
- Preferred Dates/Locations:
 - Fall: Oct 10-12th, or 24-27 (Ideal) Women's Walk (Alma, Big Rapids, St. Louis, Mount Pleasant)
 - Spring: TBD, March first weekend preferred, need to look for a Spring for Men's Walk

End of Board Reports: Mtg 120 minutes long

Closing Prayer: Mark Johnson:

Loving God,

We come before you today, hearts heavy with the familiar hum of "business as usual."

Life seems to pause, moments fleeting while burdens weigh on our minds, bodies, and spirits.

Yet, we know, dear Lord, that each day is a gift, a canvas upon which you invite us to create, collaborate, and find solace in your grace.

We lift Michelle up to you, Lord. Mend her weary spirit, ease her body's aches and pains, and sharpen her mind for clarity and purpose. Grant her the wisdom to find peace amidst the busyness, to embrace stillness, and to seek your presence in the pauses.

Michelle, you are not alone. We all walk with you on every path, offering strength in vulnerability, hope in despair, and love in abundance. May she feel your healing touch and unwavering spirit.

In your name, Lord, Amen.