

Lansing Area Emmaus
Board Minutes

Meeting: May 13, 2025

In Attendance: Denise Epps, Michelle Lautner, Cindi Scheiern, Amy Gentner, Janet Ball, Pastor Lyle Ball, Robert (Archie) Archambault, Scott Lobert, Steve Block

Meeting location: Pilgrim GMC

Call to Order: 7:01pm
Devotions and Prayer by Pastor Lyle

Consent Agenda: Motion by Archie to approve agenda with corrections of typos and correction of Treasurer's Report to "approved pending audit". Second by Cindi. Acceptance by all. Motion carried and approved.

Treasurer Report: Balance of \$3,445.85. Michelle's contact for an official audit did not reply. Request by Archie to clarify with Men's Walk 106 was satisfied. Motion by Lyle to approve report pending audit. Seconded by Michelle. Motion carried and approved.

Walk Reports:

Walk Lay Director- Scott Lobert: quite a few unexpected negatives.

- For positive, Pilgrims were well vetted/sponsored.
 - Only two related issues
 - 1- found out about one with SDHD and sleep issues after starting, so ALD spent 3-4 hours in dining room talking with him the first night then there were no additional issues
 - 2- one man had to leave due to expected personal issue, he had driven self as brother was in the hospital and died.
 - Otherwise all seemed connected and blended well.
- Scott reports he was very connected and well supported by the Prayer Room and Barb with his sister.
- Scott explained his unique Prayer Partner organization with palm crosses he made
 - He is volunteering to make crosses for future walks
- He was very pleased with all CR team members
 - He wants to recognize that James was willing to back out due the his schedule and the low number of pilgrims and Andy transferring to Kitchen due to numbers
 - Bruce had to step out due to illness at last minute
 - Andy Sass, Eric Iverson and ALDs supported him through this.

- Tyler stepped up as a fill-in ALD
- Scott reports the following issues:
 - WSD cancelled at the last minute at the first training and 2 other quit before without LD being notified.
 - He questioned Craig as WSD due to challenges stated by the pastor himself
 - Communications were challenging between Facilities and CR

Kitchen Report from Andy Sass- includes many details, pointing out a leadership issue related to an inexperienced lead. Many issues stemmed from this that need to be addressed by the Kitchen Chair.

Denise:

- Michelle, Denise, Janet and Amy met to update manuals. CR team manuals have been updated for things like current versions of items. Still need to update and mostly create Board chair manuals as well as meet with each chair to update their area. We will have a basic plan for all BTS manuals. Board and a team will do all the food service manuals for the new kitchen chair.
- We want to have each chair build a team beyond the board to help do the work and support each area. For example, the Kitchen Chair should have a team that would handle the recipes and approved menus.

Steve:

- Reports he is not seeing people that he served with or were on his walk on the weekends, and that when he sees people, others report they are not asked to serve. He asks how do we reach these people.

Discussion was that people should get active with the community and to please reach out to board members. We can reach out to members to try to reactivate more people. Communications are very important. How we get current people and contacts:

- People to attend gatherings and sign in
 - Encourage people to be active and show interest
- Fourth Day lists
 - These are being created
- Candlelight sign in lists
- People can reach out to volunteer
- Individuals can update their information in Ministry Manager
- Board members can update Ministry Manager for community members

Denise

- Ministry Manager continues to need to be updated/kept up
 - Chairs need to be trained on database

- Active emails are required
- Reach out to Logan if issues
- Focus of LAE community is to keep our people on fire
 - Compared to previous focus on progression
 - Instead of being selective, we will find ways to let everyone serve
 - Includes limitation from physical and time with serving weekends
 - Ask people to help in Walk preparations or Board projects when possible
- Filling BTS teams
 - BTS teams should be 50% new and 50% seasoned/experienced
 - BTS service is recorded through WSC reports of check in and out
 - Wendy (team selection) will assist
 - When updated, she will use Ministry Manager
 - Chair to get lists for possible leads
 - Leads to get lists for possible team
 - Board can help plug in inexperienced community members and especially new Pilgrims when on fire after their walks
 - We can start filling in teams with inexperienced members
 - Need to wait to ask experienced members when they could be on CR lists.
 - Once CR team is filled, we can reach out for our leads
 - Specifically based on the gender of the walk
 - Board can soon start working on fall leads as team is almost fully set
 - Can work on men for fall and women for spring
- Walk
 - The board and chairs need to work to address reported issues
 - Need to focus on leadership and training

Discussion

- The Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical- it represents various Christian churches, rather than being specifically United Methodist

Motion by Michelle to extend meeting by 15 minutes. Seconded by Archie. Carried and approved

Discussion

- Decision was made to postpone Walk 107 discussion
- Gatherings- Board is asked to try to attend and encourage others
- We need a Gathering Chair and several others
- Women's Walk still need music lead and team

Announced Zoom prayer time Tuesday 7:30pm for 30 minutes for the Board

Next Meeting- June 10 by Zoom

Logan

- Newsletter for July
- New Board members- write introduction and send to Logan
- Please try to get reports and stories in about June 10 instead of so close to his deadline

Chrysalis

- July 18-20
- Girls have enough for sure
- Need more boys
- Greenville at Ed Milam's church (First Congregational Church of Greenville)

Meeting closed at 8:39