

LITTLE EGYPT WALK TO EMMAUS
Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2009 @ Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Marion, IL

Present: Fred Whitlatch, Rodney Gholson, Nancy Shearer, Mike Sharp, Roger Smith, Tim Weaver, Rhoda McGee, Pat Weber, Mike Hollobaugh, Ann Bothe, Scott Farren. Larry Gilbert, and Jeannie Housewright.

The meeting was opened with a devotion by Fred Whitlatch and prayer by Rodney Gholson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by those present and approved on a motion made by Rodney Gholson, seconded by Ann Bothe.

REPORTS:

CLD Fred Whitlatch reported that the fall walks went well at the new site. Many favorable comments and suggestions were given at the Walk Critique Meeting held at Trinity UMC. Based on the recommendation of the critique team, a motion was made by Mike Sharp, seconded by Nancy Shearer, to return to the Christian Service Camp in West Frankfort for the Spring Walks (3 & 4th weekends in April). Motion approved.

Rev. Larry Gilbert was welcomed to the board as the upcoming Community Spiritual Director to serve a one year term. It was discussed that the list for qualified clergy to serve on future walks needs to be updated.

Assistant CLD Roger Smith reported the board elections are officially closed and the following individuals were elected to serve: Clergy – Julie Smith; Arvin Blessing, Rick Bothe, Mindy Farren, Mike Hollobaugh, Angie Kaye, Larry Sanders, & Violet Weise. Motion by Rodney Gholson, seconded by Mike Sharp, to accept the election results. Motion approved. Discussion was held regarding the bylaws that provide for 3 classes rotating; this would mean that some coming on the board this year should serve only 1 year to keep the rotation in line. Motion by Tim Weaver, seconded by Scott Farren, that those elected, not including CSD Larry Gilbert, would be designated by lottery drawing to see which 2 will be slotted for 1 year term. Motion approved. After further discussion, a motion was made by Rodney Gholson, seconded by Nancy Shearer to rescind the original motion just approved. Since Mike Hollobaugh was re-elected to the board, he volunteered to serve a 1 year term. Motion by Rodney Gholson, seconded by Ann Bothe, to have Mike Hollobaugh serve a 1 year term per his offer and hold a lottery drawing to determine the remaining 1 year term. Motion carried. Lottery drawing was held and Angie Kaye will serve a 1 year term.

Past Lay Director/Gatherings - Rodney Gholson advised the board that Troy Brown is the Lay Speaker for the Gathering tonight; Larry Gilbert will offer the Clergy Response. He also reminded board members that the Board Christmas party is set for Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in Marion at Bennie's Italian Restaurant. The cost is \$15 per person.

Agape - Nancy Shearer reported that the walks went well.

Chrysalis – Ann Bothe reported that Chrysalis Flight 22 is scheduled for January 16-18, 2010 at Camp Oxford. Lisa Miller and Bob Manier are Flight 22 Lay Directors. Team formation will start in December. She also advised that the Chrysalis Community is selling cheesecake as a fundraiser and would like to set up a table to take orders at tonight's Gathering. Request approved.

Motion by Rodney Gholson, seconded by Roger Smith, to buy toner for the copier shared by the Emmaus &

Chrysalis communities. Motion approved.

Finance - Pat Weber presented the Treasurer's Report showing a balance as of October 31, 2009, in the amount of \$8,404.46 (balance includes scholarship funds). Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Scott Farren, seconded by Mike Hollobaugh. Motion approved.

Kitchen/Communion – No report.

Music/Entertainment – Scott Farren reported that work is still being done the new songbooks and they are close to being done. The musician's leader songbooks have been received. He is pursuing bids for binding the new songbooks. There is also some work that needs to be finished up regarding 3 songs that are not covered under our CCLI license.

Physical Arrangements/Transportation – Mike Sharp reported that transportation went well for the walks. The charter coach used for the women's walk was very well received. Discussion was held regarding fuel reimbursement for the churches providing vans & buses. Fred Whitlatch asked the board secretary to send thank you notes to each church that provided vans & charter coach.

Prayer/Reunion Groups – No report.

Registration – Rhoda McGee reported that a few volunteers sheets have been received.

Secretary – Present & taking minutes. She shared that it would be helpful to have prices on the Emmaus shirts & merchandise that is offered for sale during the walk weekends.

Set Up – Mike Hollobaugh presented information regarding a trailer available for purchase for \$3500 that is 1 ft wider and 2 ft longer than the trailer we now have. After some discussion, a recommendation to continue with the trailer we currently have for the next set of walks was accepted. Mike also offered to redo the large cross that is used for sendoff and the cross service.

Training – Tim Weaver reported that sponsorship training will be featured at tonight's Gathering.

Worship and Outreach – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Trailer – tabled at this time.

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Fred mentioned that the Upper Room provides training programs for new board members. He will pursue gathering information regarding this training. He is also asking retiring board members to attend the January meeting to help with the transition & training.

Rev. Larry Gilbert offered the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting – January 9, 2010 @ Herrin Presbyterian Church – 5:00 p.m.