

February 19, 2015 Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting.

Donnie Gray, CLD, opened the meeting and called everyone to order at 6:50 p.m. The following Directors were in attendance: Andy Barron, Debbie Forehand, Cheryl Best, Joyce Thompson, Leo Matuzak, Tommy Moore, Greg Reinhart, Donnie Gray, Tim Mallory, Rev. Sandi Plasters, Rev. Clark Cundiff.

Donnie welcomed Tommy Moore to the board fulfilling the vacancy created by Doug DeLong's resignation from the board. Tommy's (Doug's) term will expire the end of 2016 at which point he will be able to run for his own term to serve on the board should he desire.

Rev. Sandi then gave an opening prayer and discussed Phillipians 4:13 and the need for prayer personally, corporately and as a community. Board members then selected prayer partners, not secret but open prayer partners to help each other. The members then met with both prayer partners. Rev. Sandi then celebrated communion with the board.

We then discussed the use of electronic devices on Walk Weekends. Debbie had formed a committee to come up with options for the board to decide regarding the use of these devices on weekends. Debbie's team came up with 3 options: A) Talk Room team members may use devices when giving their talk – option was defeated, B) Can use devices when medically necessary – option was defeated, C) no electronic devices allowed in the Talk Room – option was defeated. Additionally no decisions were made regarding cell phones. The board felt that current rules apply and should be enforced that team members should not have electronic devices around Pilgrims, discuss any communications with the outside world around Pilgrims. Donnie thanked Debbie and her team for their hard work and asked the rest of the board to pray about the best way to handle this situation. We will see how this goes for the spring Walks.

We discussed extending the deadlines for Pilgrim Applications. Cheryl indicated several people have indicated they had applications they could get to her by Monday, Feb. 23. Currently there are 13 Men and 11 Women slated to attend the Walks. Andy will contact Wakefield to see if they will be willing to extend our deadline for a decision and for them to receive payment/deposit for the upcoming Men's walk in April. Motion was made, seconded and passed to extend deadlines for the Walks to midnight, Sunday, February 22. Preston will be notified and asked to update the website, Facebook, etc. to reflect the change in dates to get Pilgrim applications to Cheryl.

The next topic the board discussed was the carry over of fees for Pilgrims. Essentially, the discussion was around the Pilgrim can carry over 3 Walks before losing their fees. Motion was made and seconded: If a Pilgrim cancels or does not Walk, the Sponsor's fee will be returned to

the Sponsor, Pilgrim's fee will be held in a restricted account for 1 Walk then forfeited should the Pilgrim fail to Walk. Motion carried.

New Business:

We discussed 4 alternative Walk sites.

Williamsburg – Top Shape, Top \$\$\$, same as Wakefield;

Triple R Ranch, this is where Chrysalis holds their Flights. Great facility! Can accommodate a full walk. Cons: Gets muddy if it rains, there is a loft used by the Girls for their dining facility. Cost for a Weekend: \$9100, approximately \$6000 cheaper than Wakefield.

Macamy (sp.) Woods, Williamsburg – not a lot of appeal for us

Piankatank, Gloucester – very nice facility. Cons: this location is a very long distance from the local community. Cost per weekend \$9200

No decision was made. Donnie will ask Charlotte to have a side by side financial comparison.

Motion was made and seconded to put the \$300 "Hold The Date" fee good faith deposit with Wakefield for the Men's (April 14 – 17, '16) and Women's (April 28 – May 1, '16). Motion carried.

The Spring Walks for 2016 will be scheduled for: Men's – April 14 – 17, '16, Women's – April 28 – May 1, 2016.

Donnie reminded everyone to attend the Gathering this coming Saturday, at Foundry UMC, Virginia Beach Blvd.

The board discussed the use of the curtain at Candlelight. There was impassioned discussions on both sides of the issue. We no longer use the curtain due to 2 reasons, 1) a previous board voted it out; 2) Wakefield has indicated we/they may have liability issues with using the curtain. Donnie will research and get back to the board on reason #2.

Tommy discussed the growth, or lack thereof, of community participation at Gatherings, Candlelight, etc. We, the board and as community members need to get the community involved with writing letters to Pilgrims and to perhaps, as in the past, distribute those letters to the Pilgrims throughout the Walk. We also discussed reinstating "SonRise Service" to increase community involvement. Because Emmaus HQ has indicated that this is WAY outside the model they would pull our charter if we insisted on continuing with "SonRise." The Walk is supposed to be cloistered environment with minimal contact with the community. HQ was emphatic about this.

The board had a discussion regarding our financial position and the “GIVE NOW” button on the website. We are a 501C3, tax deductible, charitable organization. Money donated can be deducted and used by the community, amount dependent, for up to and including teaming fees, sponsoring fees and all the other items the board/community needs to purchase. An announcement will be made at this coming Gathering. Board members are encouraged to discuss this with members of the community.

Cheryl brought discussed the need for volunteers to sell “T” shirts at Gatherings. We would take orders at 1 Gathering and deliver at the next thus both selling shirts, making money, and hopefully increasing attendance at monthly Gatherings! Cheryl also reminded everyone we are a 4th Day community and as such we need to, starting with our Prayer Partners, be diligent in prayer for the Community and our Partner for the coming month.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Clark at approximately 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Reinhart – Director of Records TWE