

Tidewater Emmaus Board of Director's Meeting, May 21, 2015

Monarch Bank, S. Battlefield Rd., Chesapeake, VA

Those in attendance were:, Debbie Forehand, Cheryl Best, Charlotte Carroll, Penny Best, Preston Best, Tommy Moore, Greg Reinhart, Donnie Gray, Leo Matuzak, Andy Barron, Rev. Dr. Sandi Benton Plasters,.

Donnie Gray, Community Lay Director (CLD) called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

Immediately following the prayer, Donnie then turned the meeting over to Bro. Leo Matuzak. Brother Leo resigned from the board. Donnie thanked Leo for his service.

Rev. Plasters gave a devotion from Genesis about the Tower of Babel and how the board needed to speak with 1 voice. Rev. Plasters then celebrated communion with the board. After communion Brother Leo departed with the well wishes of the board.

Donnie then suggested we set time limits to our meetings. Cheryl offered the ideas of each board person giving a report before the meeting and then the board would be able to discuss relevant business at the meeting. The board discussed how meetings should be conducted, topics, etc. The board agreed that meeting should start at 6:30 and conclude no later than 9 p.m. and that this would include communion. All present agreed.

Preston brought up about us being a 4th day community and how we should put out to the community to provide support for local church activities. This would include members of the community attending events at other churches to provide any support. There was some discussion surrounding how this might be accomplished. Reverend Sandi then suggested it might be better to get the community to participate more in Reunion Groups than to just show up at a churches events uninvited.

It was then discussed the need to strengthen our community. We need to do this in baby steps.

Andy Barron gave his Board Rep report for TW107. This report was discussed, submitted and approved. During the discussion it became apparent the need to improve records to aid in team selection and talk assignments.

Charlotte Carroll gave her Board Rep report for TW108. This report was discussed among the board members and accepted.

A topic for discussion was raised for a future board meeting which would be how much accommodation will TWE be expected to make for those Pilgrims/Teamers requiring special meals/food options. This will be placed on the agenda for a future board meeting.

The board discussed the need to have a consistent schedule, timing, etc. for both sets of Walks. Pastor Sandi moved, seconded by Tommy Moore: The Director of Continuity will work with Alan Peterson and a committee from the community of both men and women to create 1 logistical schedule for the team to conduct walks. The results of this committee will be submitted at the June board meeting. Some discussion ensued. The board voted and passed this resolution.

The need to fill the Director of Team Selection was raised. After some discussion, the motion was made and seconded that Debbie Forehand assume the duties of the Director of Team Selection in addition to continuing as the Director of Continuity. Debbie indicated her willingness to accept the additional responsibilities. The board voted and passed this motion.

Penny Best, Dir. Of Gatherings will attempt to arrange having both Weekend Lay Directors, TW109 & TW110, at the June Gathering so they may be anointed in their position.

In an effort to include more Pastors in our TW Emmaus community and get more of our clergy involved, Pastor Sandi will arrange with many of the community clergy to be in attendance at the anointment of the Community Head Spiritual Director during the August Gathering being held at Beach Fellowship.

Preston Best Dir. Of Communications reported the May community newsletter will be deferred until June.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Cheryl Best at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Reinhart TW94

Director of Records