

July 16, 2015 Tidewater Emmaus Board Meeting, Hickory UMC

Those in attendance were Preston Best, Penny Best, Tommy Moore, Donnie Gray, Charlotte Carroll, Andy Barron, Debbie Forehand, Greg Reinhart, Cheryl Best

6:40 P.M. CLD opened the meeting in prayer. Debbie Forehand offered a devotion by reading our signed Covenant with the Upper Room as board members and reminding us of our signed obligation to the Upper Room and the TWE Community.

Charlotte discussed mailing the letters that were approved at the previous meeting. Charlotte and Donnie will get together to have the letters signed, stuffed and mailed out. There are several churches that will not receive letters either because they either have only one Pilgrim that has walked or the church has become defunct or there is no address for the church. Those churches for which we have no addresses are: Beacon of Hope, Bethany; Bridgeport Baptist; Christ Church; Congregation Zion, CUMA. There are several out of state churches that will not receive letters; Knotts Island UMC; Knotts Island Baptist; MWP Yorktown Chapel.

It was noted during the research for churches that have sent Pilgrims to TWE Walks that there are no Pilgrims on the community mailing list from Walks, TW11, 15, 16, 34. Greg will reach out to the community to attempt to obtain Pilgrim listings from these Walks.

Music is doing good. Andy did ask about Leadership Training for board members and the community. Those who have never attended a day of training are encouraged to do so.

Team Selection was discussed by Debbie. The Men's team is short one member. Bruce, TW109 LD, will reach out to a couple of folks before coming back to Debbie. Jeannette, TW110 LD, is still confirming her team at this meeting. Donnie is still praying about the Women's Board Rep and will make a decision by the August 7th deadline.

Debbie will be conducting team training on the first teaming for both Walks. There is flexibility on the training date.

Debbie also asked that Reunion Groups be given to another Director as the duties of training and team selection were enough for one Director. Andy will address at the July Gathering. No further discussion was had around this topic.

Greg reported that May & June minutes were passed. The minutes for this year will be sent to Preston for posting on the web site.

Cheryl reported there were 3 confirmed Pilgrim's for the Men's Walk and 4 for the Women's Walk as of the meeting. Currently there are a total of 11 applications, 2 need \$'s, Cheryl has left messages for 4. Applications will be accepted until August 7th. Cheryl will go to the mail box daily to check for applications. Cheryl has also been posting and promoting Sponsorship on our Facebook account.

It was suggested we post the deadline for Pilgrim applications on the website, and somehow put the dates out to the community.

Preston indicated the web hosting will come up for renewal in October, \$215 for 2 years. Joyce has a credit card we can put on file so we don't lose the website or name. Preston will coordinate with Joyce to get this accomplished.

Penny discussed Gatherings. Penny has been coordinating with Kathy Williams from Peninsula Rainbow (PR) community for the July Gathering. A question was raised about splitting the offering w/the PR community? We will need to discuss w/The Upper Room since the PR community is defunct. Andy will coordinate with Penny and the PR contact.

We also discussed the splitting of funds w/the Chrysalis community from the donations at the Gatherings. This is an open issue that will need to be resolved quickly.

The next Gathering, August 15, will be held at Beach Fellowship.

A motion was made and seconded: Should the Fall Walks be postponed, the August Board meeting will be cancelled. Motion carried 5 - 4.

A motion was made and seconded: Should applications are insufficient to proceed with the Men's or Women's Fall Walk then both Walks WILL be postponed. Motion carried 6 - 3.

Tommy will s/w Wakefield next week.

The TWE By-Laws will need to be reviewed and updated this year. Andy agreed to head this effort to be discussed at the September meeting.

We need to audit the TWE books by the end of this year.

The letter to The Upper Room to re-instate the Sunday morning Sunrise Service on our Walks was read and discussed. We decided to modify the letter. All changes should be sent to Tommy to revise the letter to be mailed asking for the exception for us to reinstate conducting Sunrise service Sunday mornings on TWE Walks with the community. Everyone should submit their changes to Tommy in the coming week.

Preston requested articles for the newsletter. Articles are to be submitted to him the week following the Gathering. This will become our policy going forward.

A motion was made and seconded: Meeting minutes are to be approved by email. Carried 9 - 0,

Donnie discussed which board "class" Tommy is in.

A motion was made and seconded: Tommy Moore will be in the TWE board "class" of 2016. Carried 9 - 0.

Donnie discussed speaking with Edna at The Upper Room about the letter regarding the receipt of signed covenant and the \$13/per Pilgrim for the Spring Walks.

No further business, the meeting was closed in prayer at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Reinhart - Director of Records