

September 17, 2015 Tidewater Emmaus Board Meeting, Monarch Bank, Chesapeake, VA

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

6:35 P.M. Andy Barron opened the meeting in prayer. Donnie Gray offered a devotion by reading "Just Asking Our God" reminding us that GOD has plans for us, has HIS hand on us and guides us. All we need to do is trust in Him.

The Board discussed the several alternative locations to Wakefield that are available for us to hold Walks. Two of the locations are on the Eastern Shore and would require sponsors, and team members, to pay a hefty toll to get there and back. The other locations were comparable in pricing. Based on the high tolls and the burden that would have on sponsors the board agreed to archive the materials for future reference, for future boards should these options become viable to hold Walks. **Motion: TWE will hold all Walks through 2016 in Wakefield at the current location. Motion passed 9-0.**

The Board decided NOT to hold elections tonight for the next Community Lay Director. **A motion was made and seconded: Vote for the 2016 CLD will be postponed until the October TWE Board meeting in anticipation of our Head Spiritual Director, Dr. Sandi Benton-Plasters, will be able to attend this meeting and provide us guidance for this deliberation. Motion carried, 6/3**

Based on the last 5 years and the postponement of the Fall Walks, the Board will ask the Community for input if we should become a One Walk Per Year community with the Spring Walks being the only Walks for the Men's and Women's Walk. Greg will write a request to the community for input on this subject and have it available for the October newsletter. Donnie will also discuss this at the Gathering this coming Saturday at Deep Creek UMC.

Music is doing good. Andy offered up Leadership Training for board members and the community. The dates are to be determined. The location will be in Farmville, VA. Those who have never attended a day of leadership training are encouraged to attend.

Andy also discussed the revised By-Laws. After some discussion and revision it was decided the updated by-laws will be sent to all Board members and an email vote to accept/deny will be taken.

Tommy discussed the need for us to insure Treasurer's reports be available for all meetings and be posted on the web.

It was also discussed that Chrysalis was to conduct the January, February, August, September Gatherings are to be Chrysalis Gatherings/Hoots. Chrysalis will arrange for the music, 4th Day speaker and collect and keep the offering and pay for the babysitters. Jordan Moore will be the 4th Day speaker at the September Gathering.

Diane Moore has been elected as Community Lay Director for the Tidewater Chrysalis Community! We thank Tim Mallery for his service to the community and welcome and wish Diane much joy, luck and well wishes in her new position. As a Board member Tommy asked, and the board concurred, Tommy will represent both himself and Diane at Board meeting.

Andy and Debbie Forehand have been liaisons to the TWC community. Greg also offered to fill the 3rd board member position to interface with the Chrysalis Board. It was suggested that Tommy let Diane know the board is fully prepared to support the TWC community. Diane needs to let the TWE Board know when they will be holding their meetings so TWE board members can attend.

**There was also a motion made and seconded: To restore the Sunday morning service on TWE Walks.
Motion failed to pass 4/5**

Motion, made and seconded: if a motion is brought up 2 months in a row and fails to pass, that motion cannot be brought before the board for the remainder of that calendar year. Motion failed to pass 2/7.

Penny announced the October Gathering will be held at St. John's UMC, Norfolk, October 17.

Cheryl Best closed us in prayer at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Reinhart – Director of Records