

Special Meeting of Tidewater Emmaus Board, July 7, '15

6:30 p.m. held at Nimmo United Methodist Church, Virginia Beach

The purpose of this meeting was to understand our financial position and our financial policies.

Those attending were Penny Best, Preston Best, Greg Reinhart, Donnie Gray, Rhonda Huff, Charlotte Carroll, Tommy Moore, Cheryl Best, Joyce Thompson.

CLD opened the meeting with prayer at 6:40 p.m.

Joyce presented our budget for 2015. The budget was focused on costs of the recent Spring Walk. The board reviewed the budget and found a few items missing from the total to put on a Walk such as: the board provides the Saturday lunch on the Walk which would add about an additional \$300 (but saves us about \$1000 in cost from Wakefield), flash paper ~\$25, candles for Saturday night ~\$100 and we may have to figure in candle holders.

There may have been some outdated fees that need to be adjusted.

Rhonda mentioned we have stopped providing Rooster pins for the Pilgrim's Crosses because of increased pricing. We will look to see if we can find a place to bulk buy pins rather than stop providing. Additionally, we will need to address bulk purchasing of the "I am the Church" and "I am Loveable" pins. We had bulk purchased them in the past but the supplies are running low.

We also need to understand the cost of the 4th Day Packet provided to the Pilgrims in their take-home bag.

There was a discussion surrounding the unpaid sponsor fees for both Pilgrims, 3, and teamers, 2. The 2 teamer's checks have bounced and the 3 unpaid Pilgrims add up to a total of \$1090 in unpaid fees the community/board had to absorb. We are working on getting these fees into the treasury. A list of folks that have either not paid or given insufficient funds checks to the community has been provided to both the Directors of Team Selection and Registration to prevent further difficulties of this sort. Since the policies are in place we will begin enforcing that all fees are paid when due, ie: checks received along with the teaming application or the Pilgrim application before a person will be considered for teaming or vetted to be a Pilgrim on the Walk. We also discussed the process of depositing checks for teaming as they are received. Should a team applicant not be selected to be on the team TWE will send them a check refunding their fees.

We discussed the issue of carry-over Pilgrims to the fall Walks. The funds are available for the 5 folks that will walk in the fall.

The Bill Baker fund has been depleted to pay for the Spring Walks. Once the delinquent funds from the Pilgrims has been obtained we will be able to replenish this fund.

Currently the community has a -\$677 balance in our checking account which also accounts for the amount "escrowed" for carryover Pilgrims. With the teaming fees received for TW109 and TW110 we have enough to pay the deposit for each walk in late August and early September. We will look to

resolve this in a couple of ways. MOTION: Donnie (CLD) will send a letter to all participating churches soliciting a one-time donation to the community. Seconded and passed.

A second MOTION: The CLD will immediately contact all those that have submitted teaming applications for TW109 and TW110 that did not submit payment along with their applications to submit their teaming fees to be considered for a spot on the team. Seconded and passed. This is due to Wakefield requiring a \$5000 deposit from us 60 days prior to the start of the Walk.

Another motion was made, seconded and passed: MOTION: Director of Finance will present a financial statement at each TWE Board meeting.

It was discussed the board will let the community know what the fees are to conduct a Walk at Wakefield. The community will also be given a listing of what individual rooms cost so folks may want to support a Walk by sponsoring a room or a set of rooms or any other item to lower the cost of the Walk to the community/board. Eg: Morgan costs \$X/dy or \$Y/Walk. We will begin providing this information at the September Gathering.

Cheryl reported that "T" shirt sales have generated ~\$400 to the community! Each shirt gives back \$8 in profit to the community with minimal effort! Typically board members will be available to sell the "T" shirts at Gatherings. Interested members of the community may also sell the "T" shirts.

The board discussed the issue/concern/idea of the Sponsor paying the Pilgrim's fee (currently \$70) instead of having the Pilgrim pay their fee. Some folks were all for it, several folks were adamantly against it! Cheryl commented there were 5 folks that postponed their Walk until the fall, 4 of them had their Pilgrim fees paid for by their Sponsor...draw your own conclusion.

Joyce asked that each Director provide a listing of annual expenses for their area by the next board meeting on July 16 so we can start to compile an accurate picture of what it takes to operate this community.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Reinhart

Director of Records