

NENM Emmaus Community
Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2008
Logan, NM

The NENM Emmaus board meeting was called to order by James Barefield, on August 23, 2008 at 9:00 am. Board members present were James Barefield, TC Broom, Larry Patterson, Patricia Thompson, LeAnn Smith. Guest present was the Hearts Afire representative, Kurt Pafford from Dumas, Texas. The meeting was opened with prayer by T.C. Broom.

In the absence of the Board Secretary, Patricia Thompson agreed reluctantly to take notes. Minutes from the last meeting taken by Steve Wallin and James Barefield were read. Larry Patterson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, second was made by TC Broom, motion carried and accepted.

An extensive Treasurer's report was presented by Patricia Thompson. Larry Patterson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, second was made by TC Broom, motion carried and accepted.

Feedback from the community concerning woman's walk #14 held in July at Talon Point, Texas. James Barefield commented that the walk went well and was considered very successful. Patricia Thompson brought forth a concern that took place in the walk and that members of the board, team and past members need to be cautious about gossip. The walk is not a place to bring forth accusations unless a team member or a pilgrim is in serious jeopardy. The accusations need to be investigated and confirmed before action is taken by an individual. If a board member, team member, or a past member feels it is vital to bring it forward at a walk, the contact person should be a board representative. The observations and concerns need to be positive and constructive. James Barefield suggested that the model should be practiced at team meetings. The team should be practicing that problems should be taken to the NENM Board Representative.

TC Broom suggested that a handout be in the chapel for the Clergy and the community Lay Director for the purpose of conducting the send off, the sponsors' hour, the candlelight and the closing services. This should be the job of the chapel angels to supply this material. Larry Patterson made a motion was made to have a director's manual added to the chapel box and a list of pilgrims be given to the chapel angels so it can be available to the clergy and community lay director for the purpose of the services. A second to the motion was made by TC Broom, motion carried and accepted.

TC Broom gave a clergy report. He is still working on a list of available clergy. He asked assistance from the Hearts Afire group to assist in a list from their area.

Hearts Afire, Kurt Pafford, reported that the Hearts Afire community is no longer functioning and the charter is now inactive. He is hoping that working with the NENM community will bring new enthusiasm to the area and spirituality could be gained. The Hearts Afire clergy in the past has been good to work with. Nina Mason a board member lives in Amistad would be a good contact. The Hearts Afire group has walk equipment stored at Talon Point, Texas. Kurt thought a merger between the communities would be a good thing. He stated that both communities should consider a merger between the NENM and Hearts Afire. The suggestion was made that a letter be sent out to the members of both communities stating the possible merger of the two groups. By consensus of the attending board members present, it was decided to table the discussion until a letter to the communities was sent out and more of the board members could be in attendance.

The next NENM Emmaus Community Board meeting was scheduled for 9:00 am MT October 4, 2008 at FUMC in Logan, NM.
The meeting was adjourned by James Barefield and concluded in prayer by TC Broom

Submitted by:
Patricia Thompson, acting secretary