

## **NENM EMMAUS COMMUNITY**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

June 28, 2008

Tucumcari, NM

The NENM Emmaus Community Board met on June 28, 2008 at the Center Street United Methodist Church in Tucumcari, NM. Board members present were James Barefield, T.C. Broom, Beth Clark, Richard Elworth, Larry Patterson, Patricia Thompson, and Steve Wallin. Guest present was Ray Clark. The meeting was opened with prayer by T.C. Broom at approximately 9:00 AM.

In the absence of the Board Secretary, and because no temporary secretary was appointed, these minutes are a compilation of meeting notes by James Barefield and Steve Wallin

No minutes from the last meeting were presented. That meeting, held March 1, 2008 at Center Street United Methodist Church in Tucumcari, NM, was a board training and discussion with Carlene Alderman representing The Upper Room. As a result, no meeting minutes were recorded.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Patricia Thompson presented a Treasurer's report. As of the meeting date the checking account balance was \$6736.32 including \$3215.50 team and pilgrim fees for Walk #14 received to date. It was noted that checks in-hand totaling approximately \$900 had not yet been deposited. Patricia reported that she had also received \$455.20 for team scholarships collected at Walk #14 team meetings as lunch donations. Patricia also reported that a deposit of \$500 had been paid to New Beginnings for Walk # 14, but that it will remain on deposit for future Walks.

In the context of the Treasure's report the Board discussed at some length the nominal expenses for holding a Walk. It was noted that the team and pilgrim fees paid to New Beginnings is \$150, which exactly offsets the fees charged for attendance. The Board pays for the Lay Director, Spiritual Director, and Board Representative fees entirely and of the Assistant Spiritual Directors fees, for a total of \$750. Lay Director expenses of \$500, estimated miscellaneous expenses of \$200, and Upper Room fee of \$10 per pilgrim to bring the total estimated net expenses for 20 pilgrims to \$1650 for each Walk. It was noted that offerings at closings and candlelight gatherings remains the principal source for supporting those costs. It was agreed that offerings such as those collected for team scholarships that were not required for that purpose should revert to the general fund.

Beth Clark presented a Registrar's report. She reported that to date there were 17 pilgrims fully registered and paid for Walk #14 including two from the Hearts Afire Community and one who had asked for a scholarship. She also reported that several more were promised but not counted to date. It was noted, with thanksgiving, that registrations met the Board's policy criterion of 16 two weeks prior to the Walk to go ahead with the Walk. Beth also reported that LeAnn Smith from Cimarron was in the process of assuming the Registrar role. They are transitioning with Walk # 14 and Walk #15, and LeAnn would have the full role beginning with Walk #16.

Steve Wallin presented a brief Team Selection report stating that to date no significant activity had begun for Walk #15, but that his intent was to begin with the team for men's Walk #14 that was cancelled, particularly those who had prepared and reviewed talks. Steve noted that Ray Clark was previously appointed as Lay Director for Walk #15, and that he is also serving as Assistant Spiritual Director for women's Walk #14 with the approval of the Walk and Community Spiritual Directors. He suggested that the Board should formally acknowledge that unusual circumstance and affirm Ray in both roles if the Board decided to permit it. After considerable discussion a motion was made and seconded to affirm Ray in his role as Assistant Spiritual Director for Walk #14 and Lay Director for Walk #15. The motion passed by a majority vote.

No other committee reports were received.

### **Old Business:**

Those in attendance summarized their thoughts on the board training by Carlene Alderman on March 1, 2008. The general observation was that it was a good session with a good deal of information for the Board to consider. The Emmaus index of where to find answers to many questions regarding the Upper Room Emmaus model was particularly helpful.

No additional report on Walk #14 was received. Several team members commented that preparations seemed to be going well. It was noted that the team included approximately 13 members from the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma.

T.C. Broom presented a report on clergy changes. New clergy in the area included Jay Jones and Randall Pardon. Clergy in the area who are eligible to serve as Spiritual Director for 2009 Walks or the Community include Jay Jones, Tom Broom, and Gerald White.

After some discussion regarding Walk dates for 2009, it was reaffirmed that the desire is to hold both the men's Walk and women's Walk fairly close together in the summer. After contacting New Beginnings for available dates men's Walk #15 was scheduled for June 17-20, 2009, and women's Walk #16 was scheduled for July 22-25, 2009.

Team appointments for the 2009 Walks were reviewed. Walk #15 will be led by Ray Clark as Lay Director, T C Broom as Spiritual Director, and Barry Dickens as an Assistant Spiritual Director. Considerable discussion centered on available Lay Directors for women's Walk #16 with no resolution. Several who are eligible have either declined or are not available. Steve Wallin agreed to contact Mary Lubbers for suggestions for eligible Lay Directors from the Hearts Afire Community.

### **New Business:**

It was agreed to entertain discussions regarding uniting the Hearts Afire and NENM Emmaus Communities and to invite representatives from the Hearts Afire Board to join us at a Board meeting in the near future for discussions.

The next NENM Emmaus Community Board meeting was scheduled for 9:00 AM MDT August 23, 2008 at FUMC in Logan, NM, and T C Broom adjourned the meeting with prayer.