

April 06, 2003
Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus Board Minutes
First United Methodist Church
Benton, Kentucky

Attending: Debbie Bushart, Christi McClure, Gloria Tilford, Ruthie McQuaddy, Pat Wyatt, Chuck Dor, Steve Abell and Brenda Southwick

The devotion was given by Debbie Bushart asking board members “what can you do that can be so easily used for God?” She shared her thoughts that God uses common tools to do miraculous things.

A motion from Pat Wyatt and a second by Gloria Tilford approved the March minutes.

Debbie announced that the training and gathering would be held at Benton. Tammye Larkins will be added to the team selection session and Donna Shelton will work with assistant table leader training.

Ms. Bushart announced that she had been approached by the First United Methodist Church of Benton concerning the sale of their former church building. Steve Abell will talk with the church members further and report back to the board at the May meeting.

The board discussed allocation of funds for table decorations for each walk. A \$100 was the amount discussed. It was agreed to notify the community through the newsletter and the web site concerning reunion groups, individuals, churches, and/or individuals that would like to take a meal and do table decorations during walks. Conversation also led to the discussion of a budget for the PAWTE board and community. As discussed in the March board meeting, budgets for meals at each walk needed to be addressed along with other budget issues. Debbie Bushart appointed Pat Wyatt and Donna Shelton to talk with all parties concerning meals, table decorations, literature, etc. and develop a proposed budget to be presented to the board at the May meeting. Food cost for the last two walks was \$2,099. The need for raising fees was also discussed but tabled until the May meeting so the board could look at the proposed budget.

Steve, Keith and Debbie will meet in May to update the clergy list. The board will look at the new manuals from the national board in May and June. Debbie also recommended the kitchen committee come up with guidelines for gatherings.

As of the board meeting, a newsletter had not been mailed to all members. The mailing list for the community has not been found. It is believed that it is not up-to-date and all-inclusive. Steve Abell suggested a network of about 100 people who will make 10 phone calls to get accurate information on members. As discussed previously, Debbie suggested that one mass mailing go out to every member in the community and let them know this will be the last newsletter unless they notify the newsletter chair they wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Steve suggested the notice be sent with a return post card and you only pay for the cards returned.

Debbie announced that the board still needs a transportation chair person. The change in sponsor’s hour was discussed. The lay director and spiritual will stress during send-off how the new format operates in order to provide a quiet time of pray for sponsors and pilgrims.

Debbie also suggested that Donna order 20-25 booklets “What Is Emmaus?” from the Upper Room and have those available at gatherings. She also announced that National Emmaus Weekend would be July 24-27 at the Nashville Convention Center. Forms to register are on the web site.

The next meeting will be held on May 1st in Benton at the First Christian Church with team selection at 6 PM and board meeting at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Southwick, Secretary