

March 6, 2003
Minutes of the Purchase Area Emmaus Board Meeting
First Christian Church, Benton, KY

Attending were: Debbie Bushart, CLD; Rev. Eulas Greer, SD; Rev. Keith Tilford, SD in training; Donna Shelton, Treasurer; Pat Wyatt, Treasurer in Training; and members at large: Gloria Tilford, Chuck Dorr, Manda Blackwell, Jeff Mayfield, LD Walk #69, Steve Abell, Tammye Larkins Walk # 70, LD, Christi McClure, Ruthie McQuady, John Brown, Newsletter Chairperson and Brenda Southwick.

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Bushart; CLD and appropriate materials were distributed. Pat Wyatt gave the devotion.

Minutes were reviewed with additions to committee responsibilities. It was decided that the prayer chain would function mainly on the web site. Additions and/or corrections of new committee chairs were Shann Moore, Gatherings and Worship; Ann McKeel, Chair of Registration and Bob Alexander, Chair of Luggage for walks. A motion by Chuck Dorr and a second by Pat Wyatt approved minutes with board additions.

Donna Shelton reported a balance of \$2,560.21 in the regular account and \$1,007.57 in the kitchen account. The Wal-Mart cards work well with the walks and that process will continue. The treasurer's report was received as read. Board discussion included concern about the kitchen account and should a budget be set for each walk on the amount the kitchen team can spend. The amount discussed was \$1,400 to \$1,500. No decision was made at this time, as it appears that most walks run pretty close in expenditures. The total kitchen cost for the past three walks was \$2,862.00 with the cost of basic being \$5,082.00.

The Emmaus Board List was reviewed and corrected.

In order to provide an up-to-date and accurate clergy list, the board went through the list. There were several lists and none were the same. Updating this list will make securing spiritual directors for walks a better process.

A list of potential lay directors for upcoming walks was presented to the board. Additions were made and it was decided to keep this list to be passed on for additional walks. Much prayer and discussion occurred before voting on the list. Selections will be announced at the appropriate time.

Lay Director reports from Tammye Larkins and Jeff Mayfield found preparations for the walks moving smoothly. Some clergy spots needed to be filled, but all team positions were completed with active attendance at team meetings. Tom Waldrop will conduct the table training session at the final team meeting.

The cross ceremony at send-off was held by sponsors breaking up in small groups and praying for their pilgrim. Some felt this was a good process and it will be used again at the upcoming walks. Gloria Tilford agreed to make prayer cards for the cross ceremony.

The next training and gathering will be held on April 12, First United Methodist Church, Benton, KY. The training will begin at 6 PM and the gathering at 7PM. Training sessions will be 3-5 minutes and will include:

- Team Selection – Jeff Mayfield
- Agape – Pat Wyatt
- Prayer Warriors – Gloria Tilford
- Kitchen – Steve Abell
- Table Leaders – Donna Shelton
- Board Representatives – Manda Blackwell
- How to Sponsor – Ruthie McQuady

The cost of mailing the newsletter was discussed. This expense of 37-39cents can be expensive when sometimes a large number are returned. The set-up for the newsletter was presented and the fact that it will be sent on a regular basis. The newsletter will only go to members of the community who request it; otherwise the newsletter will be posted on the web site. Steve Abell will get a list from Keith Maness and have it at send-off so members of the community can update email addresses and/or indicate they wish to receive it in the mail. Steve will also prepare a list for the pilgrims to complete at the end of their walks to indicate preference for receiving the newsletter.

Debbie Bushart announced that National Emmaus Weekend would be held in Nashville on July 24-27th. Members can check the web site for more information.

It was announced that a facilities committee meeting would be held to discuss options for the community. A vote in the Emmaus/Chrysallis community will be held in June to see if the community wishes to proceed with this process.

The fall walk dates will be:

- Men #71 – September 18-21,2003
- Women #72 – September 25-28, 2003
- Women #73 – October 2 –5, 2003

The meeting was adjourned with the announcement of the next board meeting on Sunday, April 6, 2003, 3:30 PM, Benton United Methodist Church.

Repestfully Submitted,

Brenda Southwick, Secretary