

Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting  
May 1, 2003 – Christian Church, Benton, KY

Attending: Christi McClure, Debbie Bushart, Keith Maness, Tammye Larkins, Gloria Tilford, Jeff Mayfield, Lori Mayfield, Pat Wyatt, Chuck Dorr, Steve Abell, David Brown, Manda Blackwell, Donna Shelton and Brenda Southwick.

Meeting was called to order by Debbie Bushart, Lay Director. Gloria Tilford gave the devotion on forgiveness sharing that by the grace of God we are forgiven.

Steve Abell made the motion to approve the minutes with a second by Keith Tilford. Treasurer, Donna Shelton, showed a balance of \$4412.42.

Steve Abell reported on the offer to purchase the First Methodist Church in downtown Benton. He concluded that it was not feasible due to parking and lack of bathroom facilities. He reported that Bob Warren has plans to add on to the Manna House and he also wants to build another Ark. Since the building committee is waiting for input from the community, Debbie Bushart agreed to discuss the matter of expansion with Bob Warren.

The budget committee was unable to meet, but will meet and present a budget at the June meeting. The discussion of appropriation of funds continued. It was recommended that \$500 per year for decorations be built in the budget. The discussion included pilgrim cost, food cost, and the cost of supplies. After reviewing the proposed budget, decisions may or may not be made concerning expenditures.

The printing, cost and distribution of the phone list were discussed. Keith Maness provides a master phone list for the walks and those are copied by agape to go in folders. Steve Abell agreed to review cost for printing and decisions about a timetable for copying will be determined at the June board meeting.

Clarification of responsibilities and who is in charge of those responsibilities was discussed in order to prevent overlapping and any problems that might occur before or on walks. One suggestion was to place the volunteer sheet and sponsor's letter on the web site. Keith will contact Don Cleaver and complete that recommendation.

Lay Director Bushart reminded board members about the National Emmaus Weekend to be held in Nashville in July. More information is available on the national web site.

Books to explain "What is Emmaus?" have been ordered and will be available at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering. In other business, the board was reminded that clergy pays a \$45 fee for walks and only once a year. Pat Watt's brother, Andy Brian, will donate paper to the community for walks. To assist in monitoring food cost, Judy Flowers has developed tentative menus that she will go over with teams. Keith Tilford has completed the updated clergy list by denominations. Since all members in the community are not on email, we need to update county coordinators for the Emmaus Pray Chain.

Committee reports: Pat Wyatt reported that the cut-off dates were much appreciated by the registration committee as everything worked smoothly. Jeff Mayfield reported that his walk was great and everything worked smoothly. Board representative Manda Blackwell shared the following: 1) need to clarify if the priority talk does do the prayer to the Holy Spirit, 2) the need for lights and attention to holes down by the agape room, 3) the time frame for Dying Moments – the board agreed to look at the time frame for the upcoming walks and then discuss this concern, 4) the inventory list in terms of what goes where, who buys what and who is responsible for getting what items to what home, 5) bathroom supply inventory person needs to be identified so each walk will have what is needed and get the list to Judy Flowers.

Discussion continued on the community newsletter. Issues include: an up-to-date list of names with correct address for mailing, the cost of mailing, the timelessness of information in the newsletter, and what is the best and most efficient way to print and distribute this information. Steve Abell will check into options and work on securing an up-to-date and correct list by the June meeting.

Debbie Bushart, Lay Director, adjourned the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Brenda Southwick