

Nebraska Emmaus Minutes for June 20, 2020

Board Members in attendance - Jeanie Daiss, Linda Gillett, Lila O'Keefe, Al Halstead, Pastor Lynde Linde, Jessie Knott, Eric Lowry and Becky Lowry.

Those absent - Pastor Mike Evans, Rick Boroviak, Brandon Hauff, Julie Hoefs and Bonnie Zoucha.

Guests attending from Heartland Faithful Emmaus Community - Paddy Flannery, Lynn Hizer and Elizabeth Chartier.

The meeting opened with a devotion from Eric and a prayer from Becky.

The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting so everyone had a chance to review them. Lila motioned to accept the minutes and Pastor Lynde seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The treasurer report was also sent out for review prior to the meeting. Linda made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Al seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The need to update the by-laws was discussed. Linda will send them out to everyone on the Board so we can make the needed changes. Linda will pick up Linda Senn's past secretary books from Al, and then Eric and Linda will work on creating committee chair descriptions.

The books went out shortly after the February walks and the final went out approximately 30 days after the walks. Linda suggested we create two books - one with all info for pilgrims and team from the walk, and another for the community with less info. She suggested there would be two questions on the pilgrim application - one for each book approval.

Linda will be looking into different event centers/camps for the upcoming flights/walks. She reminded us that Comeca has a three month cancellation policy and we will lose the deposit if we cancel. Linda will report back to us at our next meeting what she finds for alternative camps/event centers. Comeca is set to reopen on July 1, but it is not known when the Immaculata Spiritual Center will reopen due to the retired nuns living there.

We approved the following future dates for flights and walks, but have not approved the locations yet.

- Chrysalis - Dec. 31, 2020-Jan. 3, 2021. Comeca would be our first location choice, but they are having another camp of 50 kids there that weekend already. Would that be too much as we try to social distance? Also would our teens feel slighted that they don't get to do as many fun activities as the other group of kids? Jeanie made the motion for this date and Lila seconded, motion passed to hold a Chrysalis flight on this date.

- Chrysalis - May 27-30, 2021. We will not be able to use Comeca for this flight as they will be having their camp's strategic planning meeting for the summer on that weekend. Lila motioned to hold a Chrysalis flight on this date, and Pastor Lynde seconded. The motion passed.
- Winter walks - Feb. 18-21, 2021, for men and Feb.25-28, 2021, for women. First choice would be Comeca for these walks at this time. Pastor Lynde made the motion to accept these dates for our winter walks with Linda seconding. Motion passed.
- Summer walks - July 15-18, 2021, for men and July 22-25, 2021, for women. First choice for these walks would be Norfolk if possible. Lila made the motion to approve these dates for our summer walks with Jessie seconding, motion passed.

Brenda Beliel has agreed to be the Lay Director for the Feb. 2021 women's walk. Al has contacted Brian Frazier and Kevin Lambert, but they have not given him an answer. He will reach out to them again to get a final answer. We discussed Lay Directors for the upcoming walks. Dee Dii Bonsall and Tracy Lambert would be our first choices for the women. Our choices for men's Lay Directors are Brian Frazier, Kevin Lambert, Perry Siebert, Matt Jenny and John Evert.

Chrysalis Lay Directors will be Gene and Crystal Coakley for the Dec. 31-Jan. 3 flight. Matt Jenny will be asked to be the boy's Lay Director for the May 27-30 flight. Becky will touch base with Jessie on team selection for the upcoming flights. Miranda Rathjen was suggested to be on the girl's team selection committee. Jessie will reach out to Brandon and Pastor Mike for male names.

Pastor Lynde is working on Spiritual Directors for the upcoming flights/walks and hopes to have them confirmed by our Aug. 8th mtg. At this time she is looking at Shanon Williams and Phil Sloat for the possible Spiritual Directors for the Feb. walks.

The Coronavirus will give us new obstacles to overcome. Each event center will have special guidelines for everyone to follow, and we will also need to follow guidelines from the local health department, the State of Nebraska, and the CDC. Our insurance says we may get sued if someone gets sick, but it would be hard to prove anyone got it at the walk.

Eric stated that we don't have anyone on the Board that chairs Nominations any longer. He thought that the Team Selection committees could help with that. Linda felt that the Board could absorb the Nominations committee and work on it as a whole.

Linda would like to see the registration form redone. Eric and Linda will discuss the needed changes before sending to Scott Nikont to make the changes on the form.

Lila mentioned that the Community has lost \$5000 in the last five months and suggested we increase the amount to attend flights and walks. Pastor Lynde motioned that we increase the amount for pilgrims and team to \$150 for upcoming walks and Jeanie seconded. Motion passed. Linda motioned that we increase the Chrysalis flight cost for everyone to \$150 also, and Pastor Lynde seconded. This motion also passed.

Eric shared that he and Becky attended the Heartland Faithful Steering Committee Mtg. the night before and they voted to send out a merger ballot to the Heartland Faithful Emmaus Community to merge with the Nebraska Community. It has become difficult to financially keep the Heartland Faithful Community going without holding walks for the last several years. The dwindling participation at meetings and gatherings is also a concern to the committee. If the Heartland Community decides to merge with the Nebraska Community, Eric will send an email out to the Nebraska Community.

Pastor Lynde closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be Aug. 8th on Zoom at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Lowry