

**MINUTES OF SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS BOARD MEETING
WOODLAND CHURCH, MICHIGAMME, MI
JANUARY 07, 2017**

Opening Prayer: Jane Taylor offered opening prayer.

Call of Order: Gary Lubinski called the meeting of January 7, 2017 to order at 12:10 PM.

Roll Call: Members present include: Jim Baker, Ron Fike, Marvin LaGrew, Gary Lubinski, Barb Merlo, Emily Ritsema, Jane Romback, Paula Ross, Jan Stone, Jane Taylor, Marcia Waters, Happy Wahmhoff, Chuck Yaeger, and Randy Yelle.

Members absent: Mike Deatrack and Jill Paris

Guests present include, Steve Ritsema and Sally Wahmhoff.

Agenda – approval/additions: Marvin LaGrew made a motion, support by Randy Yelle to approve the agenda as presented. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Secretary’s Minutes of October 8, 2016 – approval/corrections: Randy Yelle made a motion, supported by Chuck Yaeger to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2016 as presented. All voted “aye”. Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Chuck Yaeger presented the Treasurer’s Report. As of January 4, 2017, Checking Account balance was \$12,075.12; Savings Account balance was \$209.21; and the Chrysalis CD balance was \$5,437.91. Marvin LaGrew made a motion, supported by Jane Romback to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Chairman’s Report: Jim Baker and Paula Ross were welcomed to the Board. Thank you to Trina Johnson for her service on the Board. Gary Lubinski spoke briefly about some information he has been looking into regarding Liability Insurance. The Liability Insurance would be less expensive if we could jump on under a church.

Michigamme Contract & Missing Desk: Gary Lubinski signed the contract with Renee for the fall walks. The Men’s Walk will be September 14 – 17, 2017, and the Women’s Walk will be September 21-24, 2017. Note: the dates were moved by one week. No information is known on the whereabouts of the missing desk. We will be checking the trailer when weather permits to see if it was put in there by mistake.

Trailer Inventory: Our trailer inventory needs attention. It needs to be gone through, purge out what we don’t need and then make a list of what we do need. We need to get these inventories on a computer to manage them better. We will plan a work bee for Saturday, June 24, 2017; this date is in conjunction with our scheduled board meeting and gathering.

Previous Superiorland Emmaus Guidelines – Compiled by Barb Merlo: Barb Merlo compiled past Board Minutes and the board reviewed and revised the topics/issues that were addressed at previous Board Meetings and how the guidelines affect us presently.

Chuck Yaeger made a motion, supported by Marvin LaGrew, to hold every walk regardless of the number of pilgrims registered, however, if two (2) weeks prior to the date of the walk, the Board votes to cancel the walk and there is be a walk we can send the registered pilgrim(s) to in another community or another area, we will offer that option to the registered pilgrim(s). The Board has the option to cancel a walk two (2) weeks prior to any given walk by a majority vote. This is for the Guidebook and not the By-Laws. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Team Selection Committee: Marvin LaGrew asked to be added to the 2017 Emmaus team as the ALD in preparation for his appointment as the LD for the 2018 Emmaus Walk. Ron Fike made a motion, supported by Paula Ross, that Marvin LaGrew be added to the 2017 Emmaus team as the ALD. . All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Lay Directors for Fall Walks: BJ Ash has accepted to serve as the Lay Director for the Men’s Fall Walk September 14 - 17, 2017. Ron Fike made a motion, supported by Paula Ross to approve BJ Ash as the Lay Directors for the 2017 Men’s Fall Walk to Emmaus September 14 – 17, 2017. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The Women’s Lay Director candidate has not committed/accepted the position as of meeting time. Marcia Waters made a motion, supported by Chuck Yaeger to approve said candidate if she so accepts/commits to being the Women’s Lay Director for the 2017 Women’s Fall Walk to Emmaus September 21 – 24, 2017. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Garbage at Camp Michigamme: There was discussion on the additional fee for garbage at Camp Michigamme. It was determined that it would get figured out. We will deal with the garbage, not pay an additional fee.

Election of 2017 Officers: Randy Yelle made a motion, supported by Chuck Yeager, that the officers remain the same; Community Lay Director Gary Lubinski, Assistant Community Lay Director Randy Yelle, Treasurer Chuck Yeager. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Randy Yelle made a motion, supported by Chuck Yeager to appoint Marcia Waters Secretary. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Board Assignments for 2017 – Trina would like to stay on as merchandise chair: The Board Member Assignments for 2017 are as follows: Community Spiritual Director – Pastor Ron Fike; Registration Chairperson – Marcia Waters; Communications/Literature Chairperson – Jim Baker; Candlelight Chairperson – Mike Deatrick; Team Select Chairperson/Agape Coordinator – Barb Merlo; Kitchen Chairperson – Jill Paris; Prayer Vigil – Emily Ritsema; Literature Coordinator – Jane Romback; Sponsors Hour Chairperson – Paula Ross; Gatherings/Merchandise – Jan Stone; Facility Setup/Teardown Chairperson – Happy Wahmhoff

Letter from Chrysalis former Board President requesting use of previously donated funds: Emily Ritsema made a motion, supported by Jan Stone to table the request from former Chrysalis President regarding the previously donated Chrysalis funds until Randy Yelle contacts an attorney to determine the correct manner in which we should proceed. Once we know what our options are, we can then determine how the money will be allocated with Board approval.

Letter from Scott Ritsema on policy regarding number of pilgrims: This was discussed under "Old Business" – please see above resolution.

Letter from Scott Ritsema on change to our Exclusionary Policy: After much discussion on this policy, a motion was made by Chuck Yeager, supported by Emily Ritsema, that the Exclusionary Policy be amended by removing the examples listed. The remaining language of the policy remains. With a roll call vote all members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Randy Yelle's draft revision of Superiorland Emmaus Bylaws: It was suggested that an email communication be started of the changes you see. Express your thoughts/opinions on the number of members to constitute a quorum. Let your opinion be heard.

Next Board Meetings – Dates & Locations:

The next Board Meeting is: April 22, 2017 at Woodland Church at 12:00 P.M.

In June there will be a Board Meeting, and a Grilling/Pot Luck Gathering, with a Work Bee for the trailer to follow, at Woodland Church. The date is June 24, 2017. Mark your calendar now.

The Board Meeting starts at 11:00 A.M. At 12:30 P.M. the gathering begins. Get the word out!

Jane Romback made a motion, support by Jan Stone to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 3:17 P.M.

Pastor Ron Fike offered Closing Prayers.

Recording Secretary,

Marcia M. Waters