

**MINUTES OF SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS BOARD MEETING  
WOODLAND CHURCH, MICHIGAMME, MI  
OCTOBER 14, 2017**

**Opening Prayer:** Ron Fike offered opening prayer.

**Call of Order:** Gary Lubinski called the meeting of October 14, 2017 to order at 11:07 AM.

**Roll Call:** Members present include: Jim Baker, Mike Deatruck, Kip Dollar, Ron Fike, Gary Lubinski, Barb Merlo, Jill Paris, Marcia Waters, Happy Wahmhoff, Chuck Yeager and Randy Yelle.

Members absent include: Marvin LaGrew, Emily Ritsema, Paula Ross, Jan Stone, and Jane Taylor.

Guests present include: Chuck Ryall, Dale Eltman and other community members.

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

**Secretary’s Minutes of July 24, 2017 as presented:** Ron Fike made a motion, supported by Jill Paris to approve the Minutes of July 24, 2017 as presented. All voted “aye”. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Presented by Treasurer Chuck Yeager. As of October 14, 2017, Checking Account balance was \$16,080.93. Savings Account balance was \$209.21, plus \$10.00 from Kip Dollar for his manual deposit. The Chrysalis CD balance was paid out in full by a check # 0001187 and issued to Camp Michigamme for a donation of \$5,443.55. It was reported that we still need to pay the pilgrim tax to Upper Room. Marcia Waters made a motion, supported by Jim Baker to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Ron Fike made a motion, supported by Jill Paris to reaffirm that ALL volunteers at all Emmaus Walks pay the full registration fee, no exceptions. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Ron Fike made a motion, supported by Jill Paris to approve that the gift certificate the pilgrims receive is for a FREE T-Shirt or \$15.00 toward the purchase of a sweatshirt. No cash value. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**Chairman’s Report:** Gary Lubinski did receive confirmation the Superiorland Emmaus is covered by Camp Michigamme’s insurance, which was accepted by Upper Room as long as our walks are held there. Therefore, Superiorland Emmaus does not have to pay \$500+ for an annual “stand alone” insurance policy.

**Walk Updates:** Randy Yelle gave a brief report for the Men’s Walk and Jill Paris gave a brief report for the Women’s Walk. There were a couple of issues at each Walks; however, both Walks were very successful. The main concern that was voiced by both was that volunteers must make a point to attend both overnights and more training must be done.

**2018 Transition of Board Positions:** Kip Dollar was welcomed to the Emmaus Board to fill Jane Rombach’s vacancy. In January newly elected Board members will be installed and elections for board positions will be held. Gary Lubinski’s 3 year term is up and is staying on the Board. Both Randy Yelle and Barb Merlo’s terms will expire and they will be off the board. New board members will include: Chuck Ryall, Dale Eltman and Mark Frustaglio.

**Review of our Superiorland Emmaus Guidelines (soft rules).** These guidelines were compiled by Barb Merlo and condensed by Gary Lubinski to be keep with our Bylaws for easy future reference. Jill Paris made a motion, supported by Chuck Yeager to approve the Superiorland Emmaus Guidelines (Soft Rules) as presented, with the addition of (1.) All registrant must pay the full registration fee, (2.) Each pilgrim will get a gift certificate for a FREE T-Shirt or \$15.00 toward the purchase of another Superiorland Emmaus item such as a sweatshirt (no cash value). All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**Revision of Superiorland Emmaus Bylaws:** Jill Paris made a motion, supported by Chuck Yeager to approve the Revision of Superiorland Emmaus Bylaws as presented. All voted “aye”.

ROLL CALL: Jim Baker – Yes; Mike Deatruck – Yes; Kip Dollar – Yes; Ron Fike – Yes; Gary Lubinski – Yes; Barb Merlo – Yes; Jill Paris – Yes; Marcia Waters – Yes; Happy Wahmhoff – Yes; Chuck Yeager – Yes; and Randy Yelle – Yes.

**2017 Men’s Walk Recap:** Randy Yelle did the recap. It is evident that more training is needed for the teams. Training is very important. A number of the talks exceed the maximum time allotted for a talk. Time limits are very important. Training can alleviate the issues that arose.

**2017 Women’s Walk Recap:** Jill Paris did the recap. Walk went very well. Agree more training is needed. Also need more drivers for transporting. We did have three or four fall due to the rain. The talk times went real well. It is hard on the Pastors – it is always the same Pastors. Jill Paris liked the idea of moving the Conference Room.

**Purchase of Emmaus Crosses:** Barb Merlo will order 101 heavier crosses.

**New Board Members:** Chuck Ryall, Dale Eltman and Mark Frustaglio were voted in with a total of 22 ballots received

**New Michigamme/Emmaus Conference Room?** A majority of the complaints about holding a walk at Camp Michigamme concern Rockland as the Conference Room as it does not work well. Gary Lubinski is looking into possibly spearheading construction a new building at Camp Michigamme to be used as a dual purpose, Emmaus conference room and, Camp Michigamme activity center. Gary may be requesting a donation from the Emmaus Board in January if positive feedback is received. A basic building with bathrooms and of approximately 24 x 32 in size was discussed. The board was very receptive to this concept and a letter will be sent to Camp Michigamme for their feedback. Possibly using part of Hampton Chapel as a conference room until a new dual purpose/conference room can be constructed was also discussed.

**Holding Spring Walks in Area Churches:** It was discussed that using church facilities may make the most sense for spring walks when the need arises.

**Holding a Combined Male & Female Emmaus Walk / (Emmaus Revisit? / Emmaus Hike?) in the spring?** Gary discussed couples program to plant the seed for generating interest in Emmaus Walks. It was discussed that it may make sense to do a shorter version than an actual walks, maybe 1-1/2 or 2 days long. It was also discussed that the Upper Room offers additional programs other than traditional walks.

**Next Board Meetings, Overnights, Walk, Dates & Locations:**

- Board Meeting January 13, 2018 @ 11:00 am at Woodland Church.
- Board Meeting April 14, 2018 @ 11:00 am at Woodland Church with Community Gathering to follow at 12:30 pm.
- Board Meeting July 13, 2018 @ 5:00 pm at Woodland Church with Emmaus overnight and training at 6:00 pm.
- Emmaus overnight and training August 17, 2018 at Woodland Church at 6:00 pm.
- Board Meeting October 6, 2018 @ 11:00 at Woodland Church with Community Gathering to follow at 12:30 pm.
  
- Men's Emmaus Walk starts on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at Camp Michigamme.
- Women's Emmaus Walk starts on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Camp Michigamme.

**Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayers:** There were many prayer requests, concerns and praise. Gary Lubinski offered Closing Prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia M. Waters  
Secretary