

**MINUTES OF SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS BOARD MEETING
WOODLAND CHURCH, MICHIGAMME, MI
JANUARY 14, 2018**

Opening Prayer: Marvin LaGrew offered our opening prayer.

Call to Order: Gary Lubinski called the meeting of January 14, 2018 to order at 11:19 A.M.

Roll Call: Members present include: Jim Baker, Kip Dollar, Marvin LaGrew, Gary Lubinski, Jill Paris, Emily Ritsema, Paula Ross, Chuck Ryall, Jane Taylor, Marcia Waters, Happy Wahmhoff, and Chuck Yeager.

Members absent include: Dale Eltman, Ron Fike, and Mark Frustaglio.

Guests present include: Scott Ritsema, Alan Larson and Pastor Pete LaMoine.

Secretary's Minutes of October 14, 2017 – approval/corrections: Chuck Yeager made a motion, supported by Jill Parish, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2017 as presented. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Agenda – approval/additions: Marcia Waters made a motion, supported by Jane Taylor to approve the agenda with the following additions under New Business: C.) Agape from other communities; D.) Board Assignments/Duties; E.) Team Selection. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chuck Yeager reported that the balance in the checking account as of 1/11/2018 is \$16,088.87 and the savings account is \$219.21. Chuck reported that he paid the Pilgrims tax of \$330.00, and he sent a t-shirt to Steve Ellis at a cost of \$4.36. Dave Poplawski paid the website fee for 2-years totaling \$250.20 and was reimbursed by Emmaus. Chuck spoke to his friend an accountant regarding filing taxes for Emmaus. It was recommended that this accountant file the Emmaus tax return this year. Jim Baker made a motion, supported by Marvin LaGrew to approve the Treasurer's Report. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Gary Lubinski began by welcoming the new Board Members Dale Eltman, Mark Frustaglio and Chuck Ryall. He also wanted to express a special thanks to Jan Stone, Barb Merlo, and Randy Yelle for their exemplary years of passionate service to Emmaus, in behalf of their love of our Lord. He will send each of them a note of thanks.

Ratifying and signing our new Bylaws: The new Bylaws were affirmed with two community wide "show of hands" votes taken during the community gathering prior to candlelight services at both fall walks. Marvin LaGrew made a motion, supported by Jill Paris to approve the signing of the new Bylaws making them official. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Joint Meeting with Emmaus & Camp Michigamme Regarding Erecting a New Building: Emmaus Board Members Gary Lubinski, Kip Dollar and Ron Fike met with Camp Michigamme members Alan Larson, Tom Brown, Pat Waeghe, Erica Thomas, and Ron Fike (dual role) on January 3, 2018 to discuss the construction of a new building for the benefit of both Camp Michigamme and the Emmaus community. The meeting was highly productive and a consensus was reached. The attending Emmaus Board members all believe it is a "win-win" for both Emmaus and Camp Michigamme and they hope and pray the Emmaus Board financially supports this endeavor!

Donation by Emmaus to Help Seed Michigamme's New Building/Conference Room: As it was brought up as a concern that Emmaus should not be in the business of fund raising and donating money to specific projects. We all believe this is a very unique situation as it will directly benefit the Emmaus Community with a value far greater than the actual monetary donation. We know that Upper Room mandates the Superiorland Emmaus Community secures an insurance policy naming the Upper Room as additionally insured. However, when Camp Michigamme is our host facility the camps satisfies the Upper Room requirements, thus saving the Emmaus Community \$500 to \$1,200 annually (policy prices quoted to Emmaus members). Additionally as a part of Emmaus's financial support, Camp Michigamme will reserve 1.) Our current pricing of \$700.00 per walk and 2.) Our select September weekends for the next 20 years. The new facility will have a secure inside storage for Emmaus to use reducing our persistent rodent damage and allowing for ease of access by the community.

Other positive advantages Camp Michigamme offers verses other locations is: The camp's beautiful nature setting; Walk participants sleep in real beds; Walk participants have access to daily showers; The kitchen is available for our auxiliary team to cook in (other similar "Bible" camps require that their kitchen staffs do all the cooking, adding greatly to the cost

to attend). Chuck Ryall said he thought the new building should be named the "***Agape House***", which we thought was very appropriate. Alan Larsen was elected and has agreed to be the treasurer for the Michigamme building project fund.

Marvin LaGrew made a motion, supported by Jane Taylor to donate \$5,000.00 toward the new building at Camp Michigamme and to revisit this topic at the April 14, 2018 board meeting for the consideration of an additional donation depending upon our fund balance. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Jim Baker - yes, Kip Dollar - yes, Marvin LaGrew - yes, Gary Lubinski - yes, Jill Paris - yes, Emily Ritsema - yes, Paula Ross - yes, Chuck Ryall - yes, Jane Taylor - yes, Marcia Waters - yes, Happy Wahmhoff - yes, and Chuck Yeager - yes.

Holding Spring Walks in Area Churches: We still want to keep the idea/goal of holding Emmaus Walks in area churches alive and the spring is an ideal time and wide open. Let's try to look into a spring 2019 walk.

Holding a Combined Couples Walk in the spring? It is something to explore after the Camp Michigamme building project is up and running. It wouldn't be Emmaus, but it would be a Faith walk. (Couples – Not just couples from Emmaus, All Couples).

Election of New Officers:

Community Lay Director: Marcia Waters nominated Gary Lubinski, Jane Taylor supported the nomination. Gary Lubinski accepted the nomination. We asked for anyone else interested in serving as Community Lay Director. There were none. Marcia Waters asked for unanimous vote for Gary Lubinski to be Community Lay Director, supported by Jane Taylor. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Assistant Community Lay Director: Marcia Waters nominated Marvin LaGrew, Kip Dollar supported the nomination. Marvin LaGrew accepted the Nomination. We asked for anyone else interested in serving as Assistant Community Lay Director. There were none. Marcia Waters asked for unanimous vote for Marvin LaGrew Assistant Community Lay Director, supported by Kip Dollar. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Marvin LaGrew made a motion, supported by Jim Baker that Chuck Yeager continues as Treasurer. Chuck Yeager accepted the responsibility to continue as Treasurer of Emmaus. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Kip Dollar made a motion, supported by Emily Ritsema that Marcia Waters continue as Secretary. Marcia Waters accepted that position. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Dave Poplawski has approached BJ Ash to be our new Web Master: BJ Ash has agreed to be our Web Master and Dave Poplawski will facilitate the transition. Gary will be sure minutes get on the Website.

Agape from Other Communities: Jim Baker has taken over the responsibility of sending and receiving Agape to and from other Emmaus communities from Barb Merlo as of January 01, 2018.

Board Assignments for 2018: The Board Member Assignments for 2018 are as follows:

Community Spiritual Director – Pastor Ron Fike.

Community Lay Director – Gary Lubinski

Registration Chairperson – Marcia Waters.

Communications/Literature Chairperson – Jim Baker.

Candlelight Chairperson – Mike Deatrick.

Team Select - Jill Paris (Chair), and Paula Ross.

Kitchen Chairperson – Jill Paris

Prayer Vigil – Emily Ritsema (Chair) and Chuck Ryall

Sponsor Hour Chairperson – Paula Ross

Gatherings/Merchandise – Jane Taylor

Facility Setup/Teardown – Happy Wahmhoff (Chair) and Mark Frustaglio, and Dale Eltman

4th-Day Chairperson – Jim Baker

Agape Coordinator – Jim Baker

Building Committee – Kip Dollar

Paula Ross made a motion, supported by Jane Taylor to approve the 2018 Board Assignments as presented. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Team Selection: Jill Parish is the committee chair with Randy Yelle and Barb Merlo assisting. Jill stated everything is proceeding on schedule and as planned.

Next Board Meeting April 14, 2018 at 10:30 am at Woodland Church with Community Gathering to follow at 12:30: Please note the start time is 10:30 not 11:00. The Board Meeting is to begin at 10:30 so all business can be concluded by 12:30 when the Community Gathering begins.

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer: There were many prayer concerns to be lifted up to our Lord. Thank you to Jane Taylor for offering our closing prayers.

Marcia Waters made a motion, supported by Jane Taylor to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 1:16 P.M.

Recording Secretary,

Marcia M. Waters

