

Superiorland Emmaus Minutes

November 3, 2023 6:30PM

Present:

Vicky Prewitt, Jane Taylor, Jim Baker, Kip Dollar, Sara Wiedenhofer, Becky Wilder, Chuck Ryall (via phone)

Absent: Paula Ross, Marlene and Mike Deatrick, Mike Moore, Pete LeMoine, B.J. Ash, Gary Lubinski, and Jeannette Buteyn

Visitors: Allen and Nancy Larsen, Shay Rutherford, Marla Jensen, Lois Carlson, Ruth Baker, Dave McCartney and Joe Pelkola.

Opening Prayer, worship and communion provided by Pastor Vicky Prewitt

Secretary's Minutes of May 6 ,2023 approved via email

Treasurer's Report: Jeannette Buteyn reports a balance of \$9956.23 and a savings balance of \$5.00. There are no outstanding checks. Savings balance was transferred to checking with the exception of \$5.00 that the credit union requires. Note: Jeannette Buteyn has relinquished her duties as treasurer as she has moved out of state. Jane Taylor was given all supporting materials.

Chairman's Report:

The 2023 Walks were cancelled via an email vote by the Superiorland Board on 8/17/2023.

We are two seats short of a full board at this time with the resignation of Jeannette Buteyn, Three additional seats will be vacated as of 12/31/2023.

New business:

Much discussion regarding lack of commitment (by both current members and new pilgrims) to the Emmaus organization. Many suggestions were made. Campaigning year round for pilgrims, and more localized gatherings while collecting servant applications and pilgrim sponsorships. It was suggested that a deadline be set with minimum of pilgrims signed up before the first training date. Pastor Vicky shared a book by Mark Teasdale [Evangelism for Non-evangelists](#) with an on-line course option. It is her belief that we need to grow our churches in order to grow leaders. Superiorland Emmaus' sense of community has been dwindling and Dave McCartney suggested reaching out to Via de Cristo, Cursillo, and Keryx communities. Jim Baker noted that our demographics cannot follow all UpperRoom guidelines. It would have to be decided which rules could be soft or hard-lined. Another option would be considering another event other than the 3 day Walk to Emmaus.

After said discussion it was decided that local gatherings within 90 days may encourage more community involvement. Pastor Vicky will hold a gathering on January 27th early afternoon in Crystal Falls at the Methodist Church. Details to come. Jim and Ruth Baker will organize a gathering for the west end, Dave McCartney and Joe Pelkola will look into having a gathering in Ishpeming at Wesley UMC and Jane will look into one in Gwinn—details to come.

The database was a topic as well. Kip, Jane and Sara will look into reaching out to past members to see if they are interested in becoming active in the community. BJ may be able to sort by area code.

The next Superiorland Emmaus board meeting will be held on February 3, 2024. Time and place to be determined. ALL are welcome and we welcome new board members.

Prayer concerns: Unfortunately prayer concerns were overlooked as our meeting ran later than normal.

Closing Prayer: Vicky Prewitt

