

Board Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Community Lay Director, Bob Crawford. Pastor Jan opened in prayer. A quorum was established. Members present included Bob & Kathi Crawford, Jan Price, Bob & Joann Barden, John Hurley, Don Nash, Ken & Martha Brandt, Craig Walters, Boyd & Maureen Heckel, John & Betty Duncan, Linda Hebert. Visitor: Doug Prunty.

Minutes from January were approved by Jan and 2nd by Betty. Treasurer's report given, it was stated that an audit had been completed with no problems. Bob asked for a signed and dated report.

As of February 23, registration stands at eight men and seven women for the upcoming Walks.

Bob asked that from this time forward that positive conversation be brought to the board, if you have a complaint or a gripe come with a solution or let it go; we are here to serve God. We will work off an agenda, if you have anything to put on the agenda contact Bob before the meeting. Items not on the agenda (and not an emergency) will be tabled until the next meeting; issues can be prayed about before discussion.

Reports from upcoming walks: Doug stated we had just finished two practice weekends, he feels the practices helped build unity within the team; two spiritual talks still need previewing. He had a couple questions: 1) Regarding 4th Day Gatherings, How do we overcome the struggle after the Walks to get Pilgrims attend 4th Day activities? 2) How do we get the whole team together at the same time for practice? It was suggested that sending out frequent e-mails would let team members know they are an important part of the team and their sacrifice is appreciated. Keep praying. Jan suggested Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders stress the importance of the 4th Day and to keep in touch with the Pilgrims until the 4th Day and after. Women's practice weekend was not quite as successful still had several talks to yet preview. Sue was not available for a report.

The assembling of Betty and Bob's Teams for the Fall Walks is going well; practice weekends are set for August 15–16 and September 19–20 in the Black Hills. Reminder was given that the Agape Team list should be given to the Lay Directors for the purpose of filling open positions on the team from committed Agape Team members. The thought is the Conference Room and the Pilgrims come first. Remember the Emmaus Pledge: It is not about us; what does God want?

Going forth there needs to be an interview process, an explained process and an understanding of the work involved and the dedication to the Walk and lots of prayer, the Walk doesn't happen on its own. The board needs to be more involved. Craig will send another e-mail asking for help for the Walks.

Discussed the privacy of having names listed on the Web sight, we will look into it.

Old Business

The letter of agreement passed around again make sure all sign it, mail a copy to Lisa with self addressed envelope so it can be mailed back to Upper Room.

Upcoming dates for future Walks set for next three years.

	Year	Inspiration Hills	Storm Mountain
Men	2009	March 12–15	September 17–20
Women		March 19–22	September 24–27
Men	2010	March 11–14	September 16–19
Women		March 18–21	September 23–26
Men	2011		September 15–18
Women			September 22–25

New Business

Agape Letters: Kenneth will get Men's letters to walks; Martha will get Women's letters. Discussed making up a new one with board signatures to send out.

Will inventory the trailer on March 8, and order supplies from Upper Room on March 1.

Database: Boyd and Craig are updating Walks 1–6 Talk info needs to be updated as well as all other positions worked. Updated gatherings brochure for 2008 will provide a link to it on the Web site.

Bob and Joann have made all forms for the Walks; they are seeking updated information for Gatherings, Cluster groups, and Reunion Groups.

Craig discussed that the newsletter needs more input, if we want eight newsletters per year. Asked again for Lay Director's update, will ask the community to prayerfully consider being a part of the team. Craig asked Bob as Community Lay Director to write an intro/welcome for the home page of the Web site. Web activity in January totaled 988 unique visitors to the Web site; February is on track for 1000 visitors. Tuesdays are the most active day for activity on the web site.

Pray for the possibility of Walks in North Dakota. Questions to consider: 1) How far can we go without stretching our resources? 2) Are we utilizing our resources? 3) Can we find other facilities? (We need to open our minds to other spots.)

Craig made a motion to pay for another year of the Web page, Boyd 2nd.

Bob closed us in prayer and we gathered in the sanctuary for worship.

Team selection meeting took place after worship and lunch.

Linda Hebert
Secretary