

Dakota's Emmaus Board Minutes
April 20, 2021

Members present:

Kevin Clare, Scott Nikont, Carmen Nikont, Eric Rippentrop, Steve Eliason, Susie Ryks, Andy Ryks, Michelle Linvedt, Pastor Ron Olson, Dulcey Ruffedt, and Gary Walters.

Guests: Patrice Sorensen, Eric Sorensen, and Nancy Bohlen

Ron opens in prayer at 1905

Review of the board minutes: Kevin moves and Eric seconds the motion to approve both February and March board minutes.

Review of the treasurer's report: Gary reports on 24 cent increase in interest on the account and no expenditure through the month. The current account balance is \$5466, \$1381 is the scholarship balance, \$4085.42 in the general fund; Eric moves to approve and Scott seconds, motion carried.

Emmaus introductions were done for all visitors and board members.

The board is still looking to fill the vice-chair position, Kevin explains the expectations of the job role, the intention is to step forward in the following year and chair the meetings.

Community Role review:

Community Lay Director / Chair - Kevin Clare

Community Spiritual Director - Hazel Behrens

Treasurer - Gary Walters

Secretary – Carmen Wilson

Registrar / Communication - Scott Nikont

Agape Chair - Marge Mellendorf

Eric Rippentrop states he has only a year left in his term on the board and asks about whether he could be the Vice-Chair this year. Explained that it would be extending his term by 2 more years, in 2022 he would take over as the LD/Chair. Eric R expresses interest in taking the position. Ron makes a motion to accept Eric R. as Vice-chair and Scott seconds the motion, motion carries.

It was motioned by Steve and Ron seconded accepting the following people onto the board:

Nancy Bohlen,
Eric and Patrice Sorensen,
Tom Baruth
Steve Ziebarth

There are other calls out looking for more people to serve on the board.

Eric R. makes a motion to approve and Michelle seconds to approve the dates for the fall Walks at Storm Mountain. The motion carries.

Men's Walk #65 - Sept 22 to 25, 2022

Women's Walk #66 Sept 29 to Oct 2, 2022.

Discussion held about the fall retreats. Dates are set September 17–19, 2021 at Lake Poinsett and October 1–3, 2021 at Storm Mountain. Both retreats will start on Friday night and go through worship on Sunday morning. Eric R proposes an ice breaker and will take charge of that event on Friday. Activities on Saturday will be training for new protocols for Covid. Scott will lead a Sponsorship training presentation. A discussion on how to invite potential pilgrims. Review a couple of talks to encourage team building. A team-building exercise. Both retreat weekends will be identical with the majority of the Board at both. Every board member and active 4th Day must encourage every member of the community to attend one of the retreats.

Suzie thanks the outgoing officers, Steve for keeping the treasury, and Ron for being the Community Spiritual Director and for all their work over the last few years. Kevin thanks Andy and Susie for being co-chairs and the Community Lay Directors and for the challenges they have had to go through in the past year and for keeping us going forward with the vision of Emmaus.

Kevin proposes keeping the board meetings scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month. He asks to think about having the board meeting go on hiatus for July or August. He requests e-mails preferably for any questions, comments, or concerns. The next meeting will be on May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Ron closes the meeting in prayer at 2011.