

Dakota's Emmaus Board Minutes
May 18, 2021

Members present: Members present:

Kevin Klare, Scott Nikont, Carmen Nikont, Eric Rippentrop, Susie Ryks, Andy Ryks, Michelle Linvedt, Nancy Bohlen, Holly Seiffert, Gary Walters, Patrice Sorensen, Eric Sorensen, Tommy Baruth, Pastor Hazel Behrens, guest: Clint Woods.

Hazel opens in devotion and prayer at 1905

Kevin welcomes all to the board and meeting, introductions made with each person listing what they would like to see happening with Emmaus. Kevin shares his vision for the Walk to Emmaus. Expresses that he desires to keep the meetings to only an hour. The spring walks are scheduled for the men on April 21-24, 2022 and the women from April 28 – May 1st 2022 at Lake Poinsett. The fall walks will be the men Sept 22 to 25, 2022 and the women Sept 29 to Oct 2, 2022 at Storm Mountain. Kevin reviews that some of the Upper Room guidelines and materials have changed and will need to be printed out.

Eric is planning on doing opening and welcoming information for the retreats. Kevin is looking at the board to help lead the retreat. He reports the importance of sponsorship, 4th day groups, asks for what is important to the board for the retreat. Hazel appreciates information on how to sponsor. She feels the more secretive her sponsors were the more guarded she was. Nancy reports that Rapid City's 4th day found some good information from the Upper Room and suggests getting information out on how to build a 4th day community. Eric said there needs to be some education on the board and their function. Suzie suggests an overview of what the Agape duties are and Kevin would like to expand that to include the additional love that is filled with that service, and discussing the progression from pilgrim walk to agape to filling positions in the conference room. Clint asks if traveling to other congregations is still something that the board is interested in, suggests doing an outreach program to the entire community and other churches.

Eric suggests reviewing the changes from the Upper Room during the retreat weekend. Andy suggests that part of the weekend is for personal spiritual growth and being filled spiritually and should be included. Kevin suggests dividing into small groups and going through the reunion group information. Patrice would like to make sure that praise and music is important as well in moving people spiritually. Eric wondered about sharing ideas about what the entire community would like to see. Andy expounds on having each 4th day report on what has been effective for them and what hasn't worked in building their communities. Kevin request if someone have additional thoughts or comments that they share them with Kevin and the group. Kevin would like to have each of the board make a list of the 6 things they would like to see happen at the retreat, and then divide these groups up to have someone be responsible with input from others on the board. Kevin requests that the board review and make their

recommendations in the next week. He would like to have these discussed in more detail at the next board meeting.

Scott asks for suggestions for an e-mail blast and what should be included on it. Several recommendations made for rebooting, reigniting, relighting, rebuilding our fire from the Lord. Rekindling the flames. Rebuilding our love for God and others. Nancy suggests having an illustration or meme. Kevin reports that mail chimp has a lot of graphic and things you can add.

Kevin shares that the cost will be \$120 for the weekend, just for the camp, which would be for zero profit. The meetings are Friday night, Saturday Breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday morning. He will get the costs to Scott prior to having an e-mail sent out. He would like all of the board to participate in at least one weekend, if not both.

Hazel has been in contact with Jackie Schlagel in ND and she reports that they could possibly do the first weekend in August. She is working on finding a location we could meet at. Suggested meeting only for one afternoon and not an entire weekend. Discussed Jamestown or Bismark instead of going to Minot since there is not as much distance. Scott will try and pull out the North Dakotans in the data base and query them for interest and then check on availability of location and timing. Hazel will continue to explore with them the possibilities as a board coming to North Dakota.

E-mail, logo, please respond back and make adjustments where needed. Will send out a list of bullet points for the workshop and select 6 items, e-mail them back to Kevin or Nikont's.

Kevin wants to meet again next month to discuss the retreat weekends further.

Review of the board minutes: Eric moves and Michelle seconds the motion to approve the April board minutes. Motion carried.

Gary will send out the treasurers report soon, and has just gotten on the community account. He had to leave for another obligation.

The next meeting in on June 15th at 7:00.

Hazel closes the meeting in prayer at 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Nikont