

Dakota's Emmaus Board Minutes
June 22, 2021

Members present:

Kevin Klare, Scott Nikont, Carmen Nikont, Susie Ryks, Andy Ryks, Michelle Linvedt, Nancy Bohlen, Holly Seiffert, Gary Walters, Patrice Sorensen, Eric Sorensen, Tommy Baruth, Pastor Hazel Behrens, Steve Zeibarth

Meeting opened with prayer at 1901 by Scott Nikont.

Minutes of the meeting reviewed, there are now two Eric's on the board. Eric Rippentrop will be called Rip from here on out.

Gary has the treasurers report with only interest to report, no other changes; he is now able to write checks, has the account in his name and is able to make transactions. Kevin wants to have Gary work on a digital way to pay for the walks for retreats instead of writing checks. He also suggests having something to take to the walk and have available at the book store as well to make payments. Scott has some experience and will talk to Gary about it later. Nancy moves and Patrice seconds to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Reminder of the walk and retreat dates. 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 would like to talk more about the fall retreats this week. Scott reports the # 1 vote was for building the 4th day community. There was a three way tie between Praise and Worship music, prayer time and sponsorship. 3rd place was for game time and bonding, then the 4th is for the service progression, 5th is manual changes and upper room, then the 4th day and effectiveness, role of the board of directors, personal spiritual growth and being filled and finally advertising in the churches.

Kevin reviews that there are some items that can be combined together. He asks who will champion each area, and for each location. He thinks agape, servanthood and can be wrapped up into one session. Andy wants to know why the manual changes would need to be discussed since there are maybe going to be people who are going to be removed by a couple of years and seems to be a more administrative determination. Nancy agrees. Discussed that some of the changes may involve what concerns there will be with covid. Kevin recommends an inspirational speaker that will set the tone and

light the fire for the whole weekend on Friday night. Nancy suggests breaking the 4th day into building the community versus what is working reports from the active groups. Kevin wants it to be about engagement. Nancy suggests the upper room booklet specifically on the 4th day and having plenty of copies of the resource available. Michelle suggests intermittent praise and worship instead of a full session.

Kevin requests who would take lead of the 4th day information, Nancy will help be part of a team to do it and Tommy will help her with it. Steve's group meets every Saturday morning and they follow the reunion group card and talk through each item. They have 7 – 8 guys very actively involved each week. Rip is going to do the game time. The 4th day, what has been effective and the reunion groups will all be wrapped into this area and by the next board meeting Nancy and Tommy can have a syllabus ready.

Scott volunteers to lead the sponsorship presentation and has all the upper room sponsorship information. He is planning on being at both weekends. Andy suggests having covid type questions as part of this presentation.

Andy asks about having worship and communion each day as they do at a walk and that is the boards intent. Hazel will take charge of these areas.

Kevin suggests 4 – 5 events during the day and then more social hours for visiting and just socialization.

Susie suggests service progression wouldn't have to be that long but is important and this could include the explanation of agape duties and servanthood.

Susie suggests ending the weekend with spiritual growth and their testimonies about their fourth days.

Kevin hopes to have a timeline established by July and August to fine tune the weekend. He would like to have a marketing release for the community ready to go within the next 30 days to help build interest. They will do an email blast, the Dakotas web site and the face book page and other outreach to the community. Steve voices frustration with the lack of information at the local church levels. Discussion that this retreat weekend will be only for existing Emmaus 4th dayers and fire them up to take back to their churches. Steve suggests getting the information to the conference office for their Monday at the Dakotas informational meeting. Jurene Gosmiering is the name to contact at the web site.

Susie suggests sending short campaign type emails over the next several of weeks. The theme for the retreat is rekindle the fire, and Steve would like that theme to be sent

each time. Scott is checking to see how many people read the last e-mail, the theme and the bullet points, 667 recipients, 28.9% opened it.

Kevin recaps the meeting, Nancy and Tom will do the 4th day, Kevin will talk to Rip about the games, Scott will do sponsorship, Kevin will do service progression. If you are not on a team, please consider helping with one of the groups. The intention for east river and west river is to help reenergize each part of the community. Next meeting will determine the actual schedule, iron out costs (\$120.00) per retreat and registration information as well as any protocols for covid. Scott would do registrations for the meeting as well as registrar. Kevin will confirm with the sites about both locations and confirm it with the July meeting.

Hazel closes the meeting with scripture and prayer. At 2005

The next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of July, the 20th. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Nikont