

Dakota's Emmaus Board Minutes

August 17, 2021

Members present: Kevin Klare, Nancy Bohlen, Gary Walters, Tommy Baruth, Scott and Carmen Nikont, Suzy & Andy Ryks

Meeting opened with prayer by Gary Walters at 1904

Scott motions and Gary seconds approval of June board meeting minutes.

July board meeting minutes will be tabled until the September meeting.

Gary reports he didn't get the treasurer's report completed, but that there have not been any changes other than the interest on the accounts. Nancy moves to approve the spoken treasurer's report and Scott seconds it.

Clarification added that normally the board meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday. If we meet face to face the meeting is usually in Mitchell on the third Saturday of the month.

Scott reports he has not made the registration form yet but will get it completed tomorrow. The cost for the Retreats for Friday and Saturday night and meals will be \$125.00, this includes a Friday night finger food meal. The registration form needs to include something about the WTE not being held liable for anyone coming down with Covid during the weekend. Kevin reports we need to contact the insurance company to see if there is anything special we need to do for coverage for these weekends.

Storm Mountain needs a week to 2 weeks notice for attendance. A suggestion is that we set a two-week cutoff for the retreat registrations. Discussion held about having the board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14th to make sure everything is finalized and if there is a need to cancel the event due to lack of interest. Kevin will follow up with Kristy at Lake Poinsett tomorrow about her needs or cut-off time.

The board votes to have a minimum of 10 4th day community and 10 board members present at each of the weekends. Tommy reports there are some older people not wanting to spend the night but just coming in on Saturday. Discussion

held on the fee for the weekend and what to do about discounting the price if people don't stay for the entire weekend.

Gary has not yet set up the electronic payment but has no concern about getting it set up. He would prefer to have the full payment on registration. Kevin suggests having a QR code to be able to scan the payment. Venmo is accepted by businesses, but may not be approved for a nonprofit. Suzy is familiar with Event Bright that collects the funds and deposit them after the walk. Gary will find a payment company and will send the information out via e-mail. Scott will include the information on the registration forms.

Gary has talked to both DeAnn and Brad and both have scheduling conflicts, but would be willing to come out to the camp to play.

Kevin has a schedule set up as follows:

Friday night

1830 – 1900 Welcome and introduction

1900: Ice breaker from 1900 – 2000

Music and a campfire to follow.

Saturday 0800 – 0900 Breakfast

Service 0900 – 0930

Workshop 1000 – 1100

And 1100 – 1200

1200 – 1300 lunch

1400 – 1500 workshop

1500 – 1600 workshop

1730 – 1830 dinner

1900 fire pit and music

Sunday 0730 – 0830 Breakfast

0830 – 0930 workshop service and then dismiss.

Kevin will adjust the times to flow with the July minutes.

Kevin shares that he is not going to be able to make it to the retreats due to a health issue. Michelle Lintvedt will be stepping up into the organizational role.

Dulcey Ruffedt has resigned from the board. Kevin will reach out to her. There is an opening on the board to fill the position, possibly something will happen with the retreats so won't fill the position until after then.

Kevin has verified again with Storm Mountain camp that our dates are firm for the 2022 walks.

Kevin would like the retreat workshop leaders to do a preview of the content of the training sessions on the 14th during the meeting so the board is aware of the content.

Gary gives a devotion to close the meeting and then closes the meeting in prayer.