

## Dakota's Emmaus Board Minutes

September 14, 2021

Members present: Kevin Klare, Nancy Bohlen, Gary Walters, Tommy Baruth, Scott and Carmen Nikont, Susy Ryks, Eric and Patrice Sorenson, Holly Seiffert, Eric Rippentrop, Michelle Linvedt, Pastor Hazel Behrens

Meeting opened with prayer by Hazel Behrens at 1902

Michelle moves to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Gary seconds the meeting.

Reviewed the treasurers report, Eric Rip votes to approve the report, Nancy seconded.

Scott updates the board of the number of people registered for the retreat in each location. Poinsett has 23 people signed up totally, including the board members. Tommy reports he knows of one couple who will be there on Saturday that is not registered. There are 5 non board members signed up for the Storm Mountain retreat.

Kevin begins a discussion for the retreat in Poinsett. Scott will send out the names for the people signed up for Storm Mountain to Patrice. Susie recommends having the lay directors for Storm Mountain to help bring people from the community to help find people to help build their teams.

Discussion about setting the deadline for Storm retreat for Monday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> by 5pm mountain time.

Review of the time line and each event completed to discuss each scheduled item.

Michelle will start with an introduction and welcome, will hand it off to Eric Rip. Eric is planning on an icebreaker to help loosen people up. He wants to have the new best friends introduce each other with different character traits. They will have to find everyone with the unique characteristic, i.e. answer everything in question, or say hallelujah after everything they say. Will have a sheet to be able to make notes on each person.

If the weather is good will have some bonding or fire pit time or a sing a long, just to get to know people better. Michelle will help guide the evenings activities. Tommy offers the 4<sup>th</sup> day song books and CD's to go with them for the weekend.

The first workshop is from Hazel from the Book of common Prayer, with 2 sections of time. The first section is to admit your humanity, discuss what you are 'bringing with you' and go around the room with 3 – 4 words. After all have spoken, then have each discuss what you are asking the Holy Spirit to do in your life at this time. Where you need the spirit to come along side. The next thing is to identify the obstacles to having the Holy Spirit work and what you can do to allow the spirit to work. Would discuss these questions in the individual small groups. She would then like to end the session with communion. Discussed how to divide the small groups up. Would prefer to have males separate from the females.

Nancy has an hour of a power point presentation. Kevin will reach out to Kristy to make sure that they have the equipment and ability to do this and let them know we will need this for Saturday. Will start with introduction, then how to help the congregation be more loving and to get the word out. Tommy will discuss what Huron does, then will go into more details about having the 4<sup>th</sup> day reunion groups, the agape, sponsorship and reunion groups.

After the lunch break Michelle will do the workshop on Service progression. She has bullet points for each aspect of participation, volunteers and descriptions of each. She will break out in 3 – 4 people to talk about their experiences with each area and to be able to discuss the experiences they have had all together. She will end with asking if there is any interest and what is involved with the board. It's suggested to point out that new Emmaus and experienced 4<sup>th</sup> dayers can all contribute something different. Kevin encourages everyone to help her out during the weekend.

Scott sent out an e-mail with the sponsorship slides he will go through. There is an overview of the whole position, who, why and how to sponsor, as well as who can sponsor pilgrims. Scott has a handout ready to go to accompany the slides. He will also cover what to tell the potential pilgrim and what not to share with them.

Kevin gives an analogy of fellowshiping with everyone to rejoin life together instead of being isolated like they have been through the covid session. It is important for everyone to recreate the bonds that have been lost, bringing the Emmaus family back together.

Susie asks about having to wear masks during the weekend. Kevin will check with Kristy and will follow the camps rules as far as wearing masks during the weekend. Scott will send a blast to all registered as to what to bring and if there is any masking mandate in effect.

Hazel closes the meeting with a devotion and then closes in prayer at 2024 .