

# HI-SKY EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

## Board of Directors Meeting

February 21, 2013

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Community Board of Directors met at 6:00pm at Wilshire Park Baptist Church, Midland, TX on Thursday, February 21, 2013.

**Members:** Debbie Baxter, Linda Bisbee, Charlotte Bosecker, Terry Childers, Amy Ciaccio, Ashley Coco, Dean Cook, Sandra Fussell, Marta Hansard, Melanie Huddleston, Linda Ireland, Kerry Mansour, Roy Sanders, Joe Willis, Dee Woolam, Gregg Ulvestad.

**Members Present:** Debbie Baxter, Charlotte Bosecker, Terry Childers, Amy Ciaccio, Ashley Coco, Dean Cook, Marta Hansard, Linda Ireland, Kerry Mansour, Roy Sanders, Gregg Ulvestad, Dee Woolam.

**Members Absent:** Linda Bisbee, Sandra Fussell, Melanie Huddleston, Joe Willis

**Guest Present:** Martin Ramirez

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Gregg Ulvestad, Community Lay Director. Dean Cook, Community Spiritual Director, offered the opening prayer.

**Board Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the board minutes submitted for the January 2013 meeting. Motion passed with no discussion.

**Financial Report:** Ashley Coco presented balance sheets and P&L Statements for January 2013. Ashley mentioned this month consists mostly of expenses, and next month will be better as we will have income to report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financials as presented. The motion passed.

### **New Business:**

**Walk Reports:** Marin Ramirez reported on Men's Walk #209. Kerry Mansour is the board rep for this walk. March 1st at 6:00pm is the first team meeting at Memorial Christian Church. There are currently 33 team members and 3 considering commitment.

Amy Ciaccio, board rep for Women's Walk #208, gave the walk report for Dani Pool. There are 36 team members and 36 pilgrims to date. The next team meeting is scheduled for March 2nd. The agape feast is still needed.

**Scholarship Requests:**

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Two scholarship requests have been requested. A motion was made and seconded to accept the requests. The motion passed without objection.

### 2013 Board Covenant:

Gregg passed around the 2013 Covenant for Board Member signatures. Those present signed. Wilma Stirl will hand out the Chrysalis Covenant for signatures on Tuesday at the Community Meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Debbie reminded Gregg that we still need to get the December 2012 minutes from Paula. He mentioned he had not heard from her yet, but he will contact her again.

### 2014 Circle Six Contracts:

Circle 6 declined our contract revision request to pay all the registration fees (\$1800) up front (Paragraph B1 of contract), if Circle Six drops the cancellation period requirements (Paragraphs C2 & C3). They are trying to standardize all contracts.

Gregg prepared and distributed a "Basic Walk Economics" spreadsheet for discussion. It begins with 12 pilgrims because that is the minimum pilgrim count to meet Upper Room requirements. We are committed for the 2014 Walks at this point, but further discussion led to conclusion that we will start looking at our facility options; where other communities are going and what facilities are available.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the current Circle Six 2014 Contract, and with no further discussion, the motion passed.

Gregg will sign the current contracts and submit to Circle Six, making copies for the board.

### **Committee Reports:** The following committee chairs gave reports:

Gatherings: Gregg reported that all is prepared for Tuesday's meeting.

Trailer/Supplies: No report was given.

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### Facilities/Name Tags:

Terry Childers reported that all tags from the last order are in except for the first three on the list. Ashley called the vendor during the meeting and made arrangements for Laura Woolam to pick them up Wednesday, Feb. 22nd while she is in Lubbock.

### Team Selection:

Selection completed for WW 210 to be held in June. The process went well.

### Chrysalis:

Charlotte reported that the last RUSH event only had 2 or 3 youth. She wondered if there is a place at the church on community nights for a separate meeting to try and increase attendance. They could join the adults for communion. They have also formed an ad hoc committee of youth to develop ideas for growth. Gregg suggested they use the same area used for the babe chick meetings since it is already set up, and we're already using it before and after community gathering.

Dean suggested the Spiritual Directors could go to the youth meeting and do communion, also allowing them to have their own 4th day speaker. Charlotte will offer that suggestion at the Chrysalis meeting and report back to the board.

Charlotte also reported that Rhett Lively, in addition to Registration and website duties, has taken on community agape letters. She will let Rhett know that he doesn't have to do the agape letters for other communities.

### Music:

Kerry reported that the license plate was stolen off of the music trailer. He also said he will re-tag the music equipment for each location to facilitate easier set-up. The current men's walk music team will be doing the music for the community gathering this month.

### Training:

Team training for Men's Walk #209 is set for March 1st.

Lay director training for the final two walks of the year will be March 16th, 8:30am, at the Legacy Real Estate office.

### Book Table:

Amy reported that Charlotte has taken everything to the walk.

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## **Community Lay Director**

Gregg encouraged all board members who have not attended an Upper Room training to attend the Leadership Development Event on April 27th at St. Andrew Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Odessa. It will be from 9:00am - 3:30pm. Those interested should pre-register and a love offering is usually taken for lunch. Linda Ireland attended last year and said it was very valuable.

## **Community Spiritual Director**

Dean mentioned hearing concerns that the community gatherings are too long, and asked if the board would like him to use a shorter communion service. Further discussion revealed concerns with 4th day speakers taking too long. It was concluded that we would look at the meeting duration in the months ahead and consider and address other areas, leaving the communion service as it is written at this time.

Discussion also took place regarding the suggestions that meeting are lengthened due to over-extending time to other ministries. After a lengthy discussion a suggestion was made to allow tables at the back of the meeting room for ministries other the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Those ministries can provide information and offer agape opportunities at that time. No motion was made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned following the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Marta Hansard, Board Member*