

**HI-SKY EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**April 21, 2015**

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Community Board of Directors met on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church located at 3309 Neely Ave., Midland, Texas 79707.

**MEMBERS:** Danny Bisbee, Charlotte Bosecker, Stacie Campbell, Steve Chilcoat, Evans Etheredge, Iris Hall-Sanders, Melanie Huddleston, Glenn Pipes, Dani Pool, Martin Ramirez, Joe Thames, Phillip Vandiver, Howard Varley, Paula Yates

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danny Bisbee, Charlotte Bosecker, Stacie Campbell, Steve Chilcoat, Evans Etheredge, Iris Hall-Sanders, Melanie Huddleston, Glenn Pipes, Dani Pool, Martin Ramirez, Joe Thames, Phillip Vandiver, Howard Varley, Paula Yates

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Scooter Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Erra Bachman, Dan Nicholas

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The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Danny Bisbee led the Board and Guests in the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Twelve Board members were present. The meeting proceeded with a quorum in attendance.

**WALK REPORTS:**

- † ***MW #221: Scooter Williams, Lay Director***
  - 19 pilgrims
  - Awesome talks and team is excited
  - Send off is Los Cornitas – E Hwy 80 11:30 a.m.
- † ***WW 222: Erra Bachman, Lay Director***
  - First team meetings last weekend
  - Team has bonded well
  - Previewed 5 amazing talks
  - Next team meeting is May 16th

† ***WW#220 – Board Rep report was distributed for review by Dani Pool***

**CHRYSLIS: DAN NICHOLAS, Chrysalis SD**

Had about 15 folks show up to the R.U.S.H. paintball event.

Chrysalis continues to have an issue connecting with our young people. The Chrysalis Committee would like the Hi-Sky Emmaus Board to look into purchasing EasyText to use for group texts to Chrysalis members. The costs are less than .04 per text. The cost is around \$79/mth for 2000 texts per month of 160 characters. Looking to use it to improve attendance.

Folks can text your desire to opt-in by directly texting a # to signup.

Would like the board to consider funding this.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dani Pool will research and provide information at the next board meeting or via email.

**REGISTRAR REPORT: MARTIN RAMIREZ, CLD**

Ashley Tercero is assuming the responsibility as registrar for the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community

**SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS: STACIE CAMPBELL, TREASURER**

- No scholarships have been submitted.

**FINANCIALS: STACIE CAMPBELL, Treasurer**

- Financials were reviewed.
- We have a negative balance due to paying bills.
- Issue paying Circle Six. As BR we need to be mindful up and help to enforce the rules of Circle Six. The contracts state that the rooms on pilgrim's side of the building (North wing) have to have 3 people in them. The East wing (team side) has to have at least 2 per room – unless one is required as a single (i.e., man serving as clergy on Women's Walk).

**MOTION:** Danny Bisbee made the motion to accept the March 2015 financials without any revisions. Paula Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried and was unanimously approved by the Board.

**DONATIONS: MARTIN RAMIREZ, CLD**

The Community has received a donation of two vacuums and one sign.

**BOARD MINUTES: MELANIE HUDDLESTON, Secretary**

Minutes for February board meetings were presented to the Board members via email prior to the meeting. No changes/revisions were made following the receipt of final meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Stacie Campbell made the motion to accept the March 2015 Meeting Minutes without any further changes/revisions. Danny Bisbee seconded the motion. Motion carried and was unanimously approved by the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**HSE BOARD WORK DAY: MARTIN RAMIREZ, CLD**

Would like the Board to have a work day to ensure that we are all on the same page. Recommends that we Skype with Upper Room to have some guidance.

**ACTION ITEM:** Martin Ramirez will call the Upper Room to request a few dates when it would be convenient for a representative to Skype into our Saturday working meeting. Martin will let everyone know when the work day is scheduled.

**2016 WALK SCHEDULE: MARTIN RAMIREZ, CLD**

During the March Board meeting, the Board discussed and voted on eliminating two Walks in 2016 due to the continued problems HSE has been experiencing the past 3 years filling Walks with enough Pilgrims. Several Board members have been having second thoughts and many felt the Board did not take enough time to pray and consider what was right for our Community. If we have fewer walks, it will take longer to train folks to work future walks and eventually be eligible to be a Lay Directory. Board members were asked to pray about the direction we should move in preparation for continued discussion at the April meeting. It takes 12 pilgrims and a full team to breakeven for a walk.

**MOTION:** Charlotte Bosecker made a motioned that the Community conduct 6 walks in 2016. Paula Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried with 12 Board members in Favor, 1 Board member Against and 1 Board member who Abstained from the vote.

**WALK REGISTRATION DEADLINES: HOWARD VARLEY, Board Member**

- The Upper Room recommends that the registration due date for Walks should be two weeks prior to the start of the walk.

- The Board voted a few years ago to reduce the cutoff date to the Thursday prior to each walk and that HSE needed 20 pilgrims registered for the walk to make.
- This practice may cause folks to delay sending in applications because they may be viewing the lack of participation listed on the website, feel that the walk may not make and, therefore, do not send in registration request forms for their pilgrims. Additionally, it is recognized that this practice puts a bit of stress on sponsors who need to get letters, and may impact folks who provide personalized agape and both team members and pilgrims who registered well in advance as they may have requested to be off from their jobs and, if the walk does not make, may lose income.

**ACTION ITEM:** Martin Ramirez asked that this issue be tabled for further discussion in May regarding the time cutoff and the number of people required for a walk to make. Martin would like Board members to pray and seek direction from God on how to proceed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Gatherings** **Paula Yates, Committee Chair**
  - Everything is going well
  - The Committee has devised a plan to handle perishables left over from Walks
- **Name Tags** **Melanie Huddleston, Committee Chair**
  - No report
- **Trailer/Supplies** **Howard Varley, Committee Chair**
  - Going out tomorrow night to setup for Men's Walk
- **Facilities** **Steve Chilcoat, Committee Chair**
  - Nothing to report
- **Team Selection** **Joe Thames, Committee Chair**
  - Selection team will meet on April 30 to select team for MW #223
- **Chrysalis** **Phillip Vandiver, Committee Chair**
  - No report
- **Music** **Joe Thames, Committee Chair**
  - Trailer will be out delivered out to Circle Six for Men's Walk #221 and will be ready for setup.
- **Training** **Evans Etheredge, Committee Chair**
  - WW #222 training went very well
  - Waiting to hear a confirmed date for training for MW #223.
- **Book Table** **Charlotte Bosecker, Committee Chair**
  - Books have been purchased.
- **Communications** **Melanie Huddleston/Dani Pool, Co-Committee Chairs**
  - Newsletter articles are due a.s.a.p.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**Martin Ramirez, Community Lay Director**

- Appreciates the Board for our commitment to the Community and for standing beside him for support.

**Danny Bisbee, Community Spiritual Director**

- No additional comments.

The next Board Meeting will be May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by Danny Bisbee who closed the Board meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Melanie Huddleston, Secretary*