



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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Been There...Done That!

One Sunday while offering information about the Walk to Emmaus at my church I heard a lady say this same thing when talking about Emmaus. She talked like it was a fad or something that had gone out of style. Maybe she just didn't understand that Emmaus is an on-going experience that gets reinforced by continuing to stay active in our Greater Austin Emmaus Community. But, it made me think about how many of us have gone on our Walk to Emmaus, attended our monthly gatherings, perhaps served on teams, or served on the Board of Directors. But many others, once they have gone on their Walk only to then fade away, never to be seen again until maybe when the monthly Gathering is held at their church. Could it be that they also thought that Emmaus was a fad, fun for a time but now out of style? This is the challenge before us; how to show that the Walk to Emmaus is still an important aspect of our Christian journey, seeking to emulate and reflect the lessons set before us by Jesus.

As we come into 2018 we will be looking for members to serve. This is your opportunity to make a difference. Is that not what we are all called to do "make a difference"? Serving others is a necessary ingredient in a Christian's life. A passage in 2 Corinthians says, we are not competent of ourselves. We are made competent through Jesus Christ. When we realize this truth, then we can work in the fields of ministry with faith and boldness.

Question: How do you make a difference in your world?

Question: Think about how you use your influence, your talents, how can you use your position to bring about change in your world?

Question: Are you doing your part to change the world?

We are looking for three positions to fill in June:

**Assistant Lay Director
Walk Support Coordinator
Gathering Support Coordinator**

Please pray for direction to serve and if you are called to serve, please reach out to one of the Board members. We need the resourcefulness God has given you to make a difference.

We are also looking for churches to host Gatherings in August and October in 2018, and for people to do music at Gatherings. If you are interested please reach out to one of our Board members.

Here are our upcoming Walks for 2018:

**Men's Walk #144, April 19-22; Coe Groce – Lay Director
Women's Walk #143, November 15-18; Chris McKemie – Lay Director**

Our next Gathering will be at Bethany United Methodist Church at 10010 Anderson Mill Road on Thursday, February 1st. Music will start at 7:00 pm, service at 7:30, with agape feast following. I hope to see all of you there.

**De Colores!
LeeLeen Sundbeck
Lay Director**



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Financial Statement as of 1/25/18

**Bank Balance
\$20,020.00**

**Scholarship Fund
\$1,539.50**

Visit the Greater Austin
Emmaus Community
Website at

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

Emmaus Sunday!

Don't forget!

The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyard to worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus!



The *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20th of each month.

Please send your articles, information, community opportunities, 4th Day experiences/reflections to:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

The January 4th Gathering was at Oak Hill UMC, with 53 in attendance. Alana Oehler gave an inspiring 4th Day Talk!

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page. They are normally the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. Childcare available.

2018 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #144

Coe Grace, Lay Director

Stella Burkhalter, Spiritual Director

Gene McConnell, Board Rep.

Roxie Greenway, ST Coord.

Agape and Prayer Vigil Sign ups

April 19 — 22, 2018

Contact: Coe@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Gene@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Roxie@austinemmaus.org

<http://austinemmaus.org/Walks.php>

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Women's Walk #143

Chris McKemie, Lay Director

Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director

Gina Franklin, Board Rep.

Myles McKemie, ST Coord.

November 15 — 18, 2018

Contact: Chris@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Gina@austinemmaus.org

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Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley



Database Help Needed!

We are looking for people to help rebuild our database and to add to our social media footprint. If you have skills in these areas, we would like to hear your input. We need your help to make this project a success. If interested, please send an email to

upperroomsupport@austinemmaus.org

saying that you would like to help. The first meeting date, time, and place will be emailed back to you and also printed in the *WalkTalk*.

DeColores!

Mel Chambers

Upper Room Support

Registrar for Men's Walk #144 Has Been Filled!

We had an immediate opening for registrar for the upcoming Men's Walk #144, and Myles McKemie stepped forward to take on this role! Myles will be receiving pilgrim applications and payment and enter those into the system. This is a very important role. Thank you, Myles!



Wesley Heritage Tour

You are invited to join Tom and Cindi Deviney on a 10-day Wesley Heritage Tour to England, September 28 thru October 6, 2018, with Bishop Joel and Dr. Raquel Martinez as your hosts. Explore the legacy of John Wesley and the Protestant Movement in England.

There is also an opportunity to extend the trip to Ireland from October 6 – 10.

If you would like more information, please contact Cindi Deviney at cdeviney@austin.rr.com, with the subject line: Wesley Heritage Tour.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 7, 2017, Cedar Creek UMC

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by ALD Rob Turk, who opened the meeting with prayer and presided. The following directors were present: Rob Turk, ALD; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Rep.; Kristen Hampsten, Member Services Coor.; and Harold Sundbeck, Walk Support Coor. **QUORUM:** It was determined that 7 Directors were present, which did constitute a quorum.

MINUTES – The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting of November 2, 2017. Corrections were made and a final draft was emailed and approved by the Board. Copies of the approvals are filed with the Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti requested the Board approve the reconciled balances between Frost Bank (\$19,234) and the Aplos Accounting system (\$19,234) for the month of November 2017. Rob moved that it be accepted, Jeanne seconded the motion, and it passed. Patti submitted the financial reports generated in Aplos and requested that the Board approve the financial statements for November 2017 submitted by the Treasurer. Rob moved to accept the reports, Mel seconded the motion and it passed.

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Mel had nothing new to report. He suggested that we revisit having a credit card to be used for payments such as the Web Hosting, which requires a credit card to be processed. Rob moved that Patti research and apply for the card that has the best rates. Mel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

GATHERING SUPPORT – No Report from Denise. Patti made a motion that the Board approve the following documents for use by the GAEC Gathering Support:

- a. Host Church Gathering Guidelines
- b. General Guidelines for the Fourth Day Talk
- c. Music Guidelines for Gathering Worship Service
- d. P.O.C Guidelines to be developed

If approved, copies of these guidelines are made a part of these minutes, will be included on the Emmaus website, and will be available for distribution to member churches effective today. Harold seconded the motion and the motion passed. *(Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, unable to include these as part of the minutes. Please go to website to read.)*

WALK SUPPORT – Harold will bring the Agape trailer to Jeanne in mid-January to get it inventoried and made ready for the Men's Walk in April.

MEMBER SUPPORT – Kristen recommended that at the January meeting we brainstorm using social media to better meet the needs of the Community.

ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR REPORT – In January, we must start soliciting for new/replacement Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS – Patti recommended that the Board resolve to establish a data management process (DMP) that meets the needs of the GAEC that preserves the confidentiality and privacy of members, pilgrims, sponsors, vendors, etc., by:

- a. Developing a data management policy;
- b. Establishing guidelines for development of a new system to manage the data that includes the following: high level project requirements for data security, procedures for handling data, procedures for access to the data, and technical implementation requirements for a replacement system.
- c. Producing the replacement system at minimal cost by volunteer contributors.

The motion was made by Rob, seconded by Mel and passed. A timeline was not included in the motion but the hope is to have a trial version available to run simultaneously during Women's Walk #143.

NEW BUSINESS – At the January meeting, the Board will be signing the Covenant with the Upper Room.

WALK #143 REPORT – Chris McKemie needs updated Pilgrim Applications as she already has 4-5 pilgrims.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALD Rob Turk will be part of the team for a Kairos weekend November 28 – 31.

ADJOURNMENT – At 6:30 p.m., a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned, and it was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jeanne Randall



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 4, 2018, Oak Hill UMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Leeleen Sundbeck, who opened the meeting with prayer and presided. The following Directors were present: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director; Rob Turk, ALD; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Rep.; Kristen Hampsten, Member Services Coor.; Harold Sundbeck, Walk Support Coor. and Immediate Past Lay Director; Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Spiritual Director; Coe Groce, Men's Walk #144 Lay Director (*non-voting*); and Chris McKemie, Women's Walk #143 Lay Director (*non-voting*). **QUORUM:** It was determined that 8 Directors were present, which did constitute a quorum.

MINUTES – The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting of December 7, 2017. Corrections were submitted. Kristin moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Patti, and they were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti entered all the information from the previous bookkeeping system for calendar year 2017 into Aplos and submitted the financial reports generated in Aplos. She requested that the Board approve the financial statements for Calendar Year 2017 submitted by the Treasurer. Patti moved to accept the reports, Harold seconded, and it passed. The reports are filed with the Secretary's Minutes.

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Mel informed us that he had not received the Covenant from the Upper Room at the time of the meeting, so we will be signing it at the February Board meeting. The Board should attempt to attend the Team Meeting for Walk #144 to show the team that this Walk has the support of the Board.

GATHERING SUPPORT – No Report from Denise. Leeleen informed the Board that most of the Gathering locations had been confirmed for the year.

WALK SUPPORT – The trailer still needs to be inventoried. Jeanne reported that the Walk Agape site and Prayer Vigil sites were ready to go online, pending minor changes, necessary after doing the inventory. Patti is working with Bob Duplantis updating the Pilgrim Application.

MEMBER SUPPORT – Kristen will schedule a brainstorming session to see how we can better serve the Community, using a less cumbersome system of social media interactions. Tish Christopher is willing to use her skills to help us in any way she can. Patti offered to share the POC note that gets put in her church bulletin/newsletter every month as a potential guide for other church POCs.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Rev. Chase informed us that less than ¼ to ½ of our pastors are involved in the Emmaus movement. It must filter down from the Bishop to the District Superintendent and then to the pastors. If it doesn't, then the pastors can't motivate the congregations. We need to meet with the Bishop and the DS, share our concerns, and attempt to reconcile this issue.

OLD BUSINESS – At the February meeting, the Board will be signing the Covenant with the Upper Room. Patti reported that she had researched the credit card options and was waiting for the actual card to arrive. The Data Management System will be a work in progress. The hope is to have a trial version available to run simultaneously during Women's Walk #143. A committee must be formed to establish a data management process (DMP) that meets the needs of the GAEC that preserves the confidentiality and privacy of members, pilgrims, sponsors, vendors, etc. by:

- a. Developing a data management policy
- b. Establishing guidelines for development of a new system to manage the data that includes the following: high level project requirements for data security, procedures for handling data, procedures for access to the data, and technical implementation requirements for a replacement system.
- c. Producing the replacement system at minimal cost by volunteer contributors.

NEW BUSINESS – It is time to begin recruiting people for Board positions as the election is in May, with new Board members assuming their duties at the June meeting.

WALK #143 REPORT – Chris has 4 or 5 women on her Pilgrim list and needs applications, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALD Rob Turk reported that the Kairos weekend was "amazing".

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:00 p.m., a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned, and it adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jeanne Randall.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Music at 7:00, Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast

February 1, 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750
4th Day Speaker Matt Bryant

March 1, 2018

Thursday, March 1, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Manor UMC
510 Burnet Street, Manor, 78653
4th Day Speaker TBD

April 5, 2018

Thursday, April 5, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Pflugerville UMC
500 E. Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78691
4th Day Speaker TBD

May 3, 2018

Thursday, May 3, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center, Dr., Austin, 78731
4th Day Speaker TBD

June 1, 2018

Thursday, June 1, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Cedar Creek UMC
5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612
4th Day Speaker TBD

July 5, 2018

Thursday, July 5, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail, Austin, 78746
4th Day Speaker TBD

August 2, 2018

Thursday, August 2, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD

September 6, 2018

Thursday, September 6, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD

October 4, 2018

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD

November 1, 2018

Thursday, November 1, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734
4th Day Speaker TBD

December 6, 2018

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750
4th Day Speaker TBD

To reserve childcare,
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