



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!

Remember these words? They are on our crosses to remind us that we are called to serve, and that Christ will always be counting on us. With that said, we need members to serve in various positions on the Board beginning in January 2020; these positions will be elected this December and require a three-year commitment. Below is a list of the open Board positions, with an overview of some of the duties.

Community Assistant Lay Director

In year one, the Community Assistant Lay Director helps assist the Community Lay Director with duties. In year two, assumes responsibility of Community Lay Director. In year three, act as the Community Advising Lay Director. Assist in finding new Emmaus community members willing to serve on the Board. Participate in monthly Board of Directors meetings, bi-monthly Gatherings, semi-annual Walks (assist Servant Team Coordinator, attend Candlelight, Closing, and Welcome Back), and attend periodic Conference Room team meetings as directed by the Community Lay Director.

Upper Room Representative

Obtain the current Covenant from the Upper Room for the Board members to sign. Return the signed copy to the Upper Room along with proof of insurance. Work with the Board to suggest dates for the Board to approve for upcoming Walks. Work with the community database to determine Lay Directors for the upcoming Walks. Chair the Team Selection process for the upcoming Walks and submit the team selected to the Board for approval. Update and report all changes in team composition to the Board for approval.

Require that a Team Covenant be signed for every Walk. Obtain a contract from the Walk venue for the Board to review and approve. Review and sign the Board approved Walk contract with the Walk venue. Order Walk supplies and keep an inventory of all supplies.

Ensure that all clergy are trained to work on a Walk and that they all meet the Upper Room requirements. Work with the Registrar and Treasurer on Walk Certification and Closeout. Update the Upper Room and the GAEC website as needed for Upper Room requirements.

Member Support Coordinator

Coordinate communications for upcoming events: Gatherings, Walks, Board Meeting dates, social media (website, emails, Facebook), *WalkTalk* (GAEC newsletter), list of Reunion Groups, and list of POC (Point of Contact) at each church. Assist in the design and development of the GAEC database.

Gathering Support Coordinator

Schedule and distribute information to the Community for all Gathering locations, dates, and times through personal discussions, flyers and the *WalkTalk*. Coordinate and oversee the efforts of the Music Coordinator to obtain musicians and singers for the Gathering. Coordinate with the Music Coordinator the music to be played, presentation slides, and rehearsals with the host church. Contact and work with the POC of each church concerning the requirements needed for each Gathering, including room reservations, communion team, offering team, Fourth Day Speaker, pastor availability, and food team. Develop training sessions, agape parties, or other events, and obtain assistants to conduct training or other events at each Gathering.

Immediate Opening: We are also looking for someone to assist the Walk Support Coordinator in handling the Prayer Vigils and the Wall Agape requests from other Emmaus communities, which are processed on-line. If you are able to help, please contact a Board member.

In addition, all Board members serve as ambassadors for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community to encourage attendance at Gatherings, recruit sponsors for pilgrims, recruit new Board members, create new ways to grow the Community, participate in monthly Board of Directors meetings, bi-monthly Gatherings, semi-annual Walks (attend Candlelight, Closing and Welcome Back), and attend periodic Conference Room team meetings as directed by the Community Lay Director.

If anyone has any ideas on how to grow Emmaus, we would love to hear from you. We meet at Northwest Hills UMC the first Thursday of each month. This is an open meeting for anyone to attend. Also, please be in prayer as to who will lead us into 2020.

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LeeLeen Sundbeck
Acting Lay Director



Greater Austin Emmaus Community Board of Directors and Volunteers

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Vacant

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Financial Statement as of 8/15/19



Bank Balance
\$23,500.99

Scholarship Balance
\$217.50

Please consider making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund so that those in need can experience their Walk to Emmaus. Scholarship Forms are available by request and can be found on the GAEC website.

GAEC Website

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

GAEC Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterAustinEmmaus/

Emmaus Sunday! Don't forget!

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



The *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20th of each month.
Info received after that will be printed
only if space is available.

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

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

Upcoming Gathering! Don't miss it!

Join us at Cedar Creek UMC on September 14th for the
September Gathering. The Joy of Sponsoring a Pilgrim
Training at 4:00, Potluck Dinner at 5:30, Music and
Worship at 6:30. Childcare available with advance
notice to ssarch@verizon.net

Joint GAEC and Diakonia Emmaus Eagles Wings Cluster Walk

Women's Walk EW 142
Sept. 26 – 29, 2019
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet, TX

Nelda Carpenter, Lay Director

neldac78628@yahoo.com

Mari Lyn Jones, Spiritual Director

Paulette Widmer, Board Rep.

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Candlelight – Sept. 28, 7:30 PM

Closing – Sept. 29, 3:30 PM

Welcome Back TBD



2020 Walks

Tentative Walk dates for 2020 are February 20 – 23 (Men) and November 5 – 8 (Women). Please consider serving on one of these teams, especially if it will be your first team to serve on. Go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org>, click on 'Team Application' and fill out the form. You will be a blessing to the pilgrims and to the other team members, and *you* will be blessed by the experience as well!



Also, please be in prayer for who you think is ready to take their Walk to Emmaus, and offer to be their sponsor! Go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org> and click on 'Downloads' for the pilgrim and sponsor applications. Be sure you also download the 'Sponsor Packet' for a detailed list of sponsor responsibilities.



Fourth Days

Do you have 4th Day experiences you would like to share? Perhaps a reflection on your spiritual journey, or sharing your answers to the two questions asked at Closing: What has this weekend meant to you? What are you going to do with it? Send your reflections to WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org. We will all be blessed by your sharing!



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Next GAEC Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Northwest Hills UMC, Room 109
7050 Village Center Drive
Austin, TX 78731

The community is welcome to attend,
you do not have to be a member of the Board!



Next Gathering!

Saturday, September 14, 2019
Cedar Creek UMC
5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612

The Joy of Sponsoring a Pilgrim Training at 4:00
Potluck Dinner at 5:30
Music and Worship at 6:30
4th Day Speaker TBD



GAEC Facebook page!

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/
GreaterAustinEmmaus/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterAustinEmmaus/)



Upcoming Walk! Women's Walk EW 142 May 2 – 5, 2019

Eagles Wings Retreat Center in Burnet

**Please keep these team members in your prayers
as they prepare for THE BEST WALK EVER!**

Conference Room Team

Amy Scott
Candy Kyle
Carolyn Ali
Connie Fannon
Cortney Hollinger
Debbie Brown
Dot Files
Ellen Mainiero
Heather Donahue
Janice McNutt
Jen Cerretti
Kevin Jones
Kristina Carter
Mari Lyn Jones – Spiritual Director
Michelle Parker
Naomi Ingram
Nelda Carpenter – Lay Director
Nolana Owens
Paula Scott
Paulette Widmer
Rita Thompson
Sammie Joy Meek
Sherri Clark
Sherry Turner
Susan McMillan
Susan McMillan
Terri Sloan
Tracey Beadle

Support Team

Deb Hopkins
Dianna Petrick
Fred Widmer
Gerry Rymes
Jeanne Randall
Jesse Maddera
Jo Peters
Joy Dehls-Chapin – Support Team Coor.
Joyce Eaton
Linda Lorenzen
Patricia Raglin
Paulette Widmer
Peggy Lenke
Rom Johnson
Ruby Dehls
Sharlene Atkinson
Sharon Shaw
Steven Scott

**TEAM
AWESOME**



Greater Austin Emmaus Community

GAEC Community Gathering September 14, 2019

Cedar Creek UMC

5630 FM 535

Cedar Creek, TX 78612

4:00pm – The Joys of Sponsoring a Pilgrim Training Event

5:00pm – Potluck Dinner in the Sanctuary

6:00pm – Music and Worship in the Sanctuary

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4TH Day Please Bring First Letter of Last Name:

A – E: Desserts

F – K: Appetizers, Salads, Side Dishes

L – Z: Main Dishes

Childcare is available for ages 5 and under with
reservations by 2 PM Wednesday, September 11th.

Please contact Steven Scott @ 281-460-5567 or

ssarch@verizon.net

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes August 1, 2019 at Northwest Hills UMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Acting Lay Director LeeLeen Sundbeck, who opened the meeting with a prayer and presided over the meeting. The following Directors were present: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Acting Lay Director; Harold Sundbeck, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Representative; Steven Scott, Gathering Support Coordinator; and Jeanne Randall, Walk Support Coordinator. **QUORUM:** Six Board members were present. Jack Forman was also present.

MINUTES: The Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on June 6, 2019. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, with corrections, by email. Two additional corrections were also requested.

REPORTS: The following officers, directors, or other persons presented reports to the Board of Directors, with any items discussed or actions taken as noted below. The following items were discussed:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti Bizzell had sent out the financial report by email. The Frost Bank balance reconciles with the Aplos balance of \$22,700.21. Mel Chambers made a motion to approve the submitted financial report, LeeLeen Sundbeck seconded the motion. All approved.

Patti reported we have 6 or 7 pilgrims for EW Walk 142.

Patti made a motion to change the fee for EW Walk 142 from \$210.00 to \$195.00 to reflect the fees being charged by the Eagles Wings community. LeeLeen seconded the motion. All approved. This \$195.00 fee will apply only to EW Walk 142.

We received \$210.00 from the collection at the combined Gathering in July.

Patti has the registration renewal sticker for the trailer.

Discussion as to purchasing a new laptop that will be strictly used by GAEC. Jeanne Randall recommended contacting TechSoup for a new laptop since they specialize in working with non-profits.

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Church Mutual will insure the trailer for \$107/year. LeeLeen made a motion to approve the \$107.00 cost for the trailer insurance. Harold seconded the motion. All approved.

Mel reported he has all the Walk manuals. He also has four potential men to serve as Lay Director in 2020.

Jeanne made a motion to have the February Walk as a Men's Walk. LeeLeen seconded the motion. All approved.

Mel needs a Letter of Recommendation to submit to the Upper Room to become a certified Trainer.

WALK SUPPORT – We will meet on Sunday August 25th at 3:30 to perform a quick inventory. Jeanne asks if we could find someone to serve as an assistant to handle the Prayer Vigils and the Wall Agape requests from other Emmaus communities.

GATHERING SUPPORT – The next Gathering will be September 14th at Cedar Creek UMC. Since LeeLeen and Harold will be out of town that weekend, Steven will lead the service. Steven will also talk about the Joy of Sponsorship during the Agape Party. The November Gathering will be at Covenant UMC.

NEW BUSINESS – Jack Forman attended the Board meeting at the Board's request to discuss our Master Database. Jack reported that he had discussed with Myles McKemie and Bob Duplantis if they would be willing to meet as a committee to assist the Board in looking at potential applications that are available. After discussion, Steven made a motion to authorize Jack, Myles, and Bob to act as a new Database Review Committee. Jeanne seconded the motion. All approved. The Upper Room is in the process of rolling out a new database that could meet our needs. Mel will send a link to Jack so the committee can look at it.

Mel made a motion to formally recognize and offer our thanks to Jack Forman, Myles McKemie, and Bob Duplantis for agreeing to serve as our Database Review Committee. LeeLeen seconded the motion. All approved.

Steven made a motion to add pilgrims to our Yahoo list and our Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS – The trailer needs servicing. Steven will speak with the mechanic at the RV storage facility concerning the brakes and wheel bearings.

LeeLeen brought up discussion about articles for the *WalkTalk*. She will write the Lay Director article about Board positions.

Steven closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Harold Sundbeck.

**Meeting
Minutes**

2019 GAEC Emmaus Community Gatherings

Training Workshops at 4:00 PM

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM

Music and Worship at 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Cedar Creek UMC

5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612

The Joy of Sponsoring a Pilgrim Training at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Music and Worship at 6:30 p.m.

4th Day Speaker TBD

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727

4:00 Agape Making Party

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Music and Worship at 6:30 p.m.

4th Day Speaker TBD

Don't forget to bring a dish or other goodies to share for the potluck before each Gathering!



Reminder to sponsors: One of the responsibilities of being a sponsor is to bring your pilgrim to their first Gathering after their Walk. This is an important step in helping them get plugged into the community. Our next Walk is September 26 – 29. The next Gathering after that will be November 16th. So if you are sponsoring a pilgrim on this Walk, be sure you are available on that day to take your pilgrim to their first Gathering! Plenty of time between now and then to make sure you have no conflicts on your calendar!

