



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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Reflections

Fall is upon us, the days are getting shorter, and we are approaching the end of another year. I'm reminded of all that our Emmaus Community has seen this past year. Our Men's Walk #145 in April was a wonderful success, the BEST WALK EVER, with Arnie Waden as the Lay Director. This past September we participated in a joint Women's Walk with the Diakonia Emmaus Eagles Wings Cluster community. As this *WalkTalk* goes to press we are in final discussions for a merger with the Eagles Wings community. By combining our two communities, both Boards hope to again have full Walks and return to having four Walks a year. I also anticipate having much larger attendance at our Gatherings.

Our next Walk is Men's Walk #146, to be held February 20 – 23, 2020, with Eben Files serving as Lay Director. We need to be in prayer for God's guidance in leading pilgrims to this Walk, so if you know of any potential pilgrims, please encourage them to participate. You can offer to sponsor them or have your reunion group sponsor them so that all of you may share in bringing a new pilgrim to our community. We already have 5 pilgrims on board. So, if you are interested in sponsoring a pilgrim, please go to www.austinemmaus.org and follow the directions to find the Sponsor forms.

I am also nearing the end of my tenure, for the second time, as your Lay Director for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community since I will be turning over my duties to our next Lay Director in January. Thank you for supporting me during my tenure while serving our Lord and Savior. We will be taking nominations and voting for our next Lay Director at our January Gathering. If you would like to serve, or if you know of someone you would like to nominate for a Board member to serve, get in touch with a member of the Board.

Our next Gathering will be January 11, 2020 at Wesley UMC, 1164 San Bernard Street. There will be an Agape Party starting at 4:00 p.m., followed by Potluck Dinner at 5:30, then singing and worship at 6:30. The community has been asked to only bring your appetite since the members of Wesley will provide ALL the food. Thank you, Wesley UMC!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Gathering. Come and reconnect with old friends, make some new friends, and bring a friend, as visitors are always welcome. Join with us as we continue the journey we all began on our pilgrim Walk. Also, be sure to wear your cross on the 1st Sunday of each month to bring awareness of the Walk to Emmaus to your church family.

May God continue to bless you, and remember, Christ is Counting on You!

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LeeLeen Sundbeck
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Financial Statement as of 11/20/19



Bank Balance

\$21,363.66

General Scholarship Fund

\$455.00

Pastors Scholarship Fund

\$15.00

Terry Gruber Scholarship Fund

\$520.00

GAEC Website

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

GAEC Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterAustinEmmaus/

Emmaus Sunday! Don't forget!

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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 Wesley UMC on January 11th for the January
Gathering. Training Workshop at 4:00, Potluck Dinner
at 5:30, Music and Worship at 6:30. Childcare available
with advance notice to jsarch@verizon.net.

Greater Austin Emmaus Community 2020 Walks

Men's Walk #146

Eben Files, Lay Director
Grady Roe, Spiritual Director
Board Representative TBD
Servant Team Coordinator TBD

February 20-23, 2020

Contact: Eben@austinemmaus.org

Women's Walk #147

Debby Duplantis, Lay Director
Spiritual Director TBD
Board Representative TBD
Servant Team Coordinator TBD

November 5-8, 2020

Contact: Debby@austinemmaus.org

Both of these Walks will be held at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX



The WalkTalk Needs YOU!

The *WalkTalk* depends on you to keep it informative, interesting, and enjoyable to read. Please send your . . .

- ⇒ Emmaus information
- ⇒ Chrysalis information
- ⇒ Kairos information
- ⇒ Upcoming events
- ⇒ Informative articles
- ⇒ Personal reflections
- ⇒ 4th Day experiences
- ⇒ GAEC service opportunities/needs
- ⇒ Walk info
- ⇒ Team info
- ⇒ Gathering info
- ⇒ anything else you think the community needs to know, would be helpful to know, or would enjoy reading! Send your news to:



WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

WalkTalk Deadline

Please remember that the deadline to submit articles and information to the *WalkTalk* is the 20th of each month. **This is a firm deadline.** Articles and info received after the 20th will be printed only if space is available. Thank you for helping ensure that the *WalkTalk* is produced in a timely manner!

Kellye Noret
WalkTalk Editor



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Next GAEC Board Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00
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, January 11, 2020
Wesley UMC
1164 San Bernard St., Austin, 78702
Training Workshop TBD at 4:00
Potluck Dinner at 5:30
Music and Worship at 6:30
4th Day Speaker TBD



*Silent night,
holy night,
wondrous star,
lend thy light,
with the angels,
let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!*



*Happy
Holydays*

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2019
Northwest Hills UMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by LeeLeen Sundbeck, Acting Lay Director, 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 providing a quorum for the meeting. Eben Files was also present.

MINUTES: The Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on October 3, 2019. A correction was noted from the previous BOD meeting. The minutes should reflect Steven Scott nominating Eben Files to be the Lay Director for Men's Walk #146. The original minutes listed Mel Chambers as nominating Eben Files for Lay Director. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the correction.

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 \$21,171.19. Harold Sundbeck made a motion to approve the submitted financial report, Jeanne Randall seconded the motion. All approved.

Patti will start working on the budget for 2020. Steven will check with Eagles Wings for the final accounting from Women's Walk EW 142, and if any monies are owed to GAEC.

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Mel reported Kristin's Dropbox account will be returned to her use.

Mel reported he has provided a set of manuals to Eben for Walk #146. He will check his inventory of supplies for our 2020 Walks.

Steven made a motion to add Craig Adams, Chris John, Scott Foster, and Jerald Walters to continue the line of progressive servanthood to the team selection list for Walk #146. Jeanne seconded the motion. All approved.

Jeanne offered to add the GAEC computer to her Microsoft account.

WALK SUPPORT – Jeanne reported the Prayer Vigil and Agape sign-up lists are ready to be uploaded to the website.

GATHERING SUPPORT – Steven offered to make changes/corrections to the Walk Applications. The next Gathering will be November 16th at Covenant UMC. Steven will lead the Agape Party at the Gathering. Cortney Hollinger will be the 4th day speaker. Steven is still waiting for confirmation for the January Gathering to be held at Wesley UMC.

WALK #146 LAY DIRECTOR REPORT – Eben Files reported he has one pilgrim and one in the works, along with several potential pilgrims from Cedar Creek UMC. He is meeting with Grady Roe on November 15th. His tentative meeting dates are December 14, January 11, January 25, and February 8. Eben will be making calls to the selected prospects for the team.

NEW BUSINESS – Steven reported that Eagles Wings community is still interested in merging with the Greater Austin Emmaus Community, but we need to meet with their Board before moving forward. Steven will try to set up a joint meeting over the next month. Steven made a motion to delay the transfer of the Lay Director until the January Gathering. Mel Chambers seconded the motion. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS – LeeLeen brought up discussion about articles for the *WalkTalk*. She will write the Lay Director article.

Steven Scott closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Harold Sundbeck.

**Meeting
Minutes**

2020 GAEC Emmaus Community Gatherings

Training Workshops at 4:00 PM

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM

Music and Worship at 6:30 PM

January 11, 2020

Wesley UMC

1164 San Bernard St., Austin, 78702

Training Workshop TBD at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Music and Worship at 6:30 p.m.

4th Day Speaker TBD

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.

Don't forget to bring goodies to share for the potluck before each Gathering!

