

NORTH INDIANA EMMAUS COMMUNITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes

September 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Retreat Center, Huntington, Indiana

Board Members Present	Dave Beamer Ann Burdick Tricia Halferty Sue Lavengood	Fred Lincoln Boyd Mozingo Bob Schmalzried	Rob Seewald Ruth Wall Connie Town
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Also Present	Bruce Burdick Andrew Halferty	K Hettle	Bret Lavengood
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Board Members Absent	Betsy Bilyew Leon Jones	Deb Osza	Alice Riley
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Devotions

The Board prayed the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Rob Seewald followed with a devotion, reminding us about the focus of the weekend of the Walk to Emmaus, which is Jesus Christ and plugging people into Him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report

Tricia Halferty presented the minutes from the August 15, 2006, Board meeting. (There was no meeting in September.) Tricia noted that Bruce Burdick's name needs to be added under "Also Present." The minutes were approved as amended, and the Secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Connie Town presented the Profit and Loss Statement for January 1 through September 19, 2006, showing a total income of \$37,106.11 and total expenses of \$39,500.14. The resulting net income was \$-2,394.03. The negative figure reflects Chrysalis funds that had been held by NIEC but have now been directed back to the Chrysalis bank account. Connie also presented the Balance Sheet as of September 19, 2006, showing total liabilities and equity as \$44,447.87. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Registration Committee Report

There was no official report submitted by the Registrar, Cindy Ramseyer. However, Ann reported that 36 women were registered for Walk #192A and 32 were actually present. There are 16 men registered for Walk #191, and seven women registered for Walk #194. The Board extends many thanks and much appreciation to the Registration Committee and to Cindy for doing such a great job with all registration issues!

Chrysalis Committee Report

Fred Lincoln reported that the Chrysalis letter of agreement was returned, as requested by The Upper Room. There were some Chrysalis Committee members who did not sign the letter,

including the chair of Team Selection. At this time, without a Team Selection Committee, and as an emergency/temporary solution, the Chrysalis Committee has asked the NIEC Team Selection Committee to handle team selection responsibilities for Flight #56 (November 24-26, 2006). Fred verified that this action is approved by The Upper Room, who is aware of this current situation.

Fred reported that there are rumors circulating that Flight #56 (the Thanksgiving Flight) has been cancelled. These rumors are incorrect, and the Flight is proceeding as planned and on schedule.

Steve McCarty has accepted the position of Lay Director for the upcoming boys' Flight #58 (March 30 - April 1, 2007). Steve has already put together a first draft of a team list.

The Chrysalis Committee report was accepted.

Quarter Mistress/Supplies Committee Report

Ruth Wall reported that we now have two air purifiers for walks and flights. (The combined cost was approximately \$129.) The instruction book is on the blackboard. Ruth will check filters and order backup filters as necessary. (The filters are said to last a long time.) The units are very quiet. The Board feels that there is a need for one or two more, so that the dining room and/or fellowship hall are covered, as well. Tricia Halferty moved to purchase two more. Rob Seewald seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ruth reported that Marcia Leitch, who launders kitchen items, has had to resign her post; Ruth noted that Betsy will want to find a replacement.

The new worship books arrived in time for use at Walk #192A. Ruth has removed all of the old ones that were in the supply room.

The Quarter Mistress/Supplies Committee report was accepted.

Team Selection Committee Report

There was no official report.

K Hettle has accepted the Lay Director position for Walk #194. K was present and reported that all team positions, except one kitchen position, are filled.

Rob Seewald moved that we amend the previous motion regarding the purchase of two air purifiers, to buy four. Tricia approved the amended motion. The motion carried. Rob suggested that we announce in *Crowing Creations* that we have multiple air purifiers available now. Bruce Burdick also announced that we also have a few air conditioning units available, for those who may need one in their room for health reasons.

Agape Committee Report

Ann reported that 114 pieces of agape were sent and 612 pieces were received. Polly is still maintaining all community agape, even though she is currently in a medical facility. Someone has graciously supplied Polly with a laptop.

Kitchen Committee Report

No official report.

Facilities Committee Report

No official report.

Communication Committee Report

No official report.

Prayer Vigils Committee Report

All 2006 prayer vigils are current. Peggy Kirk is preparing 2007 vigils.

Group Reunion/Gathering Committee Report

Boyd reported that the information regarding the Kokomo reunion group needs to be updated in the *Crowing Creations* and on the Web site. The group meets every Sunday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church (700 Southway Blvd. E.), starting at 6:30 p.m. Contact information: Bill and Cindy Ramseyer – (765) 457-6996; or Barry and Melissa Clouser – (765) 945-7590.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Vacancies for 2007

Board vacancies for 2007 are:

- Bob Schmalzreid – SE area
- Alice Riley – SE area
- Randy Shaver – SW area
- Deb Osza (Ann confirmed that she is stepping down) – SW area

Ann distributed lists of Community members who are eligible to serve on the Board (SE men, SE women, SW men, SW women). Ann asked us to pray, review the lists and come back next month prepared to compile a list of interested nominees.

Rob Seewald will be stepping down as Community Spiritual Director for 2007, due to upcoming United Methodist North Indiana Conference responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

Camera Battery

Ann reminded Board representatives that they need to make sure that the camera battery is charged before Friday morning pictures!

Walk #192A

Ann reported that there were some issues on the Walk (primarily regarding behind the scenes support) that were a result of team selection and training. Teams need to make every effort to avoid small clusters of "community specific" and unrelated gossip; avoid "inside jokes" on Saturday night entertainment/skit, which may exclude or not be understood by some pilgrims. Overall, it was a good Walk, and one pilgrim made a first-time commitment! Some pilgrims stayed in the chapel until 11:30 Saturday night! The talks were phenomenal; the speakers adhered to their scripts and outlines. Ann reported that it was a "God-driven, good Walk."

Community Laptop

Fred reported that the laptop "died" on the last Walk. After much discussion, Tricia Halferty moved that Ann ask Teri Lavengood to research laptop specifications (including the latest

technology ready for "next generation" of motherboards, latest Microsoft Office Suite, remote control for PowerPoint presentations) and make a recommendation for purchase to the Executive Committee. Bob Schmalzried seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Bylaws

Ann noted that Article Six, section 6.6 of the Bylaws (regarding a Quorum), which currently reads, "There are sixteen (14) elected...", needs to be changed to "There are fourteen (14) elected..." This was simply a typographical error. This discussion (regarding how a quorum is defined) prompted further discussion by the Board. Rob Seewald moved that we establish the quorum to be a fixed number of nine (9), as opposed to two-thirds. Bob Schmalzried seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ann will submit the change to Peggy Kirk for publication in the *Crowing Creations*. If there is no response from anyone in the Community in 45 days, it will become part of the Bylaws.

Tricia pointed out that, according to assumed bylaws for this year, March and August were the only two months in which the Board did not convene with a quorum, and that no significant action was taken at those meetings.

Rules of Operation

A majority of the Board asked that the words "succession/progression" be removed from the bottom of each Board position description within the Rules of Operation, since all positions are no longer based on succession/progression. Ann will make these changes and bring them to the next meeting for a vote.

Walk #191

Bob Brake, Lay Director for Walk #191, has had problems with the team staying together. Team members are responding "yes" to serve, but then backing out. Bob has asked that the Team Selection Committee finish filling the vacant positions. Bob is still in need of five table leaders, two assistant table leaders, all kitchen servants and all behind-the-scenes servants. Ann will work with Bob, Leon, Fred and Bruce to make calls for the team.

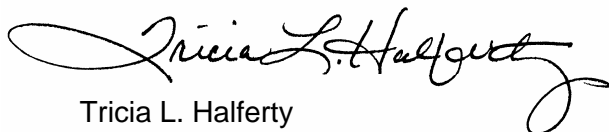
Miscellaneous

Bob requested a list of members of all committees. Committee chairs need to bring their lists to the next Board meeting.

K thanked the Board for all the support that she has received, given the short time span she has had for preparation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia L. Halferty
Secretary
North Indiana Emmaus Community

The next meeting of the NIEC Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Retreat Center in Huntington.