

**Minutes of EOTR Board Meeting,
February 13, 2016
Sonrise UMC in Pueblo West**

Board Members present: Spike Craig, Carolyn Ehrlich, Tara Guy, Mark Guyett, Don Hohisel, Sue Kimball, Delton Ledeboer, Julie Lovell, Terry McGeeney, Bev Payne, Kathy Sherwood

Non-Voting Member: Laura Scanlan

Excused Absences: Keith Bulander, Bob Cousins, Del Etta Goettel, Karen Thomason

8:30 Fellowship and delicious snacks provided by Carolyn Ehrlich

9:00 Spike opened the meeting with prayer acknowledging the reasons for excused absences of all four. We passed a sympathy card to Keith Bulander on the death of his father, Arthur. We vowed to finish early so some could attend the Funeral held at a funeral home in Pueblo at 11:00 am.

Mark gave a devotional from Ephesians that was apropos to serving on BOD. Spike then served a ‘Love Feast’ in lieu of communion to all, with the elements furnished by Julie.

Spike acknowledged the members Board reports previously submitted by email. There was some discussion of activities after some board members (Kathy for one) had submitted their e-mail reports. Spike reminded members their reports were due by email a week before each meeting.

Old Business

Minutes of January meeting were approved as mailed on motion by Bev, 2nd by Don.

Treasurer’s report – Bev passed out balance sheet and a Walk Income and Expenses sheet and talked briefly about them. Her report approved on motion by Kathy, 2nd by Carolyn.

Insurance policies: Bev is redoing the paperwork for Six and Geving. We will have internet insurance, but not Cyber Security insurance. The board took no action on whether to remove the PayPal feature for website payment for pilgrim applications and service applications. It will be an agenda item on March board agenda.

Clergy News: With both clergy Spiritual Leaders on approved absences, there was no report.

Registrar’s report – Carolyn gave the report on number of applications for both serving and pilgrims. No pilgrims for men’s walk 166, and one potential pilgrim for women’s walk 167. She mentioned some challenges with the conversion to Upper Room database management system. Laura will assist Carolyn with both the spring walks and the conversion for now. Report was approved on motion from Terry, 2nd by Sue.

Facilities: Mark said he has been checking out the Abbey in Canon City for a possible walk. The facility isn’t big enough to accommodate an Emmaus walk so no further discussion. Mark wants the board to decide where the 2017 walks should be held at the March meeting.

Kathy’s Apparel Report/Prayer Vigil Report: Kathy reported that Prayer Vigil signups for the spring walks have been set up on the website, but there are currently very few signups. She is in the process

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of preparing and updating materials for the support team personnel who are assigned to books and garments for the spring walks. She plans to attend/assist the support teams both Saturday and Sunday of the walks with books and garments sales.

Fourth Day Report- A cooperative report between Don Hohisel and Spike. Don and Spike met for a training session over lunch during the week prior to the board meeting. Two post-walk gatherings have been requested by De Etta for La Junta UMC and J Scott Rhea for 1st Presbyterian Pueblo, but dates have not been determined at this time. During the discussion of post-walk gatherings, Julie stated that instead of holding three of these as has been our usual amount, we could add one more. LaJunta area would like to have one, Pueblo area is planning one, and Colorado Springs and Canon City could host theirs as they usually do. She also explained that years ago gatherings were done every 2 months in all areas. This has slowly dwindled to only two sets of gatherings a year—after our walks. Julie suggested that we look at hosting gatherings more frequently as that will keep our membership more active.

Don distributed a flier for the 2016 picnic for all to view. It is scheduled for August 13, 2016 at the Christenson's ranch near Rye once again. Spike has tentatively scheduled the 2017 picnic at the same location for the second Saturday in August of 2017. This will be firmed up as an agenda item on March board meeting. Spike will be 4th-day primary for spring post-walk gatherings. Spike and Don will be co-OPRs for August summer picnic. Don will be primary 4th Day planner for fall post-walk gatherings.

Community Lay Director's Report- Tara reported she corresponded with Bart concerning her Website Coordinator duties with some training done via e-mail. She worked on Constant Contact with a promise to play with the Constant Contact site now that she has the user name and password for it. She wants to make the Constant Contact site a better community news source than it has been in the past. She was provided brief written instructions on both CLD duties and Constant Contact duties with continued exchange of training promised by Spike as needed. She arranged to meet with Spike regarding Constant Contact and CLD duties prior to this board meeting, and we did meet using the laptop as a training tool.

IT Equipment Needs – deferred to March meeting due to Keith's absence.

BREAK was canceled so we could finish early to allow members to depart for Arthur's funeral.

New Business

Covenant Signatures – Spike distributed a copy of the 2016 Emmaus of the Rockies Covenant between the Upper Room and Emmaus of the Rockies to each board member present. All board members must sign this agreement. Since it is due back to Upper Room, those signatures will be needed at the March board meeting so the signed copy can be mailed immediately after the meeting.

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Mark shared a copy of the crosses he has made for the walks. The design (he's made 16 already!) was approved on Carolyn's motion, 2nd by Bev. Spike needs to provide the name plate information soon to the plaque maker.

PayPal discussion was deferred until the March meeting so we could adjourn because of the funeral at 10:30 am.

An announcement was made that remaining trainings for Spring Walks will take place on Feb 20th at Sunrise UMC in Colorado Springs & Mar 19th at LaJunta UMC in LaJunta.

Roundtable for announcements and prayer requests followed closing the meeting.

Next meeting: March 12, 2016

Snacks: Bev

Devotional: Terry

Communion Elements: Don

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Guyett, Secretary & Spike Craig, Typist