

**Richmond Emmaus Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2009**

In attendance: Elmo Dawson, Linda McGuire, Emily Yeats, Donna Angone, Jo Ellen Hethrington, Sam Rooks, Jeff Rinehart, Carolyn Wheeling, Sandy Livingston, Arthur Smith, Tom Brown, Nick Pangallo, Mike McMeniman, Mike Meacham

Absent: John Bright, Ned Hood, Vicki Holpe

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm in Prayer by Tom Brown

Carolyn Wheeling opened the Prayer and Praises time:

Linda McGuire – JP Job opportunity and some decisions

Vicki Holpe – The passing of her father and lifting the family up

Jo Ellen Hetherington – John laid off at 61, prayers for another job opportunity

Emily Yeats – Tree fell on her house and help from the Carolinas to remove it and do some other work around her home – Praises

Jeff Rinehart – Team 93 praises for how the teaming is coming together

Carolyn Wheeling – Praises for a good vacation in spite of 36 hours of lost power, refrigeration and furnace

Arthur Smith – just prayer

Mike McMeniman – Training held today by the National Emmaus group, attended by Mike M., Emily Y., and Mike Mac. Went well, Praises for better trained Boards, Teams and Leaders

Dinner was offered

Emily Yeats – read R 91 Board report and R91 Clergy report. Copies are on file with Emily for both reports. No questions were asked.

Nick Pangallo – Treasurers Report – reviewed, Motion for Approval, 2nd and Passed

Linda McGuire – Team Selection Committee Report –

Organized with the goal of having complete book with all applications, alphabetized and notated for last call for teaming and teamers responses

R92 Team report from Sandy Livingston will be due May 2

R 93 Team report from Ken Beals will be due June 6

**R 93 – note: Ken Beals put together a team in 14 days and had the location for teaming secured and schedule completed in this time
Team Selection Committee noted eligible Women for leadership of upcoming walks**

Mike McMeniman – Discussion from the days training:

Board Training and the need to provide this to current and potential members

Clergy members who are Pilgrims on the walks should be sent a personal letter to Team and be welcomed to the community by the Community Spiritual Directors

Mike McMeniman – Discussed the fees for teaming and sponsorship will be increasing from the current rates of \$35 for application and \$150 for teaming fees (To be further discussed at April meeting)

**Mike McMeniman – Progressive Servanthood Training – next meeting is Monday March 23 at 7 pm (location to be determined)
Next step will be to cut down work loads by teamers by making a usable Operations Manual – not by law changes. The goal is to share things in common with other Emmaus Communities**

Goal: Training for Growth

- 1) Sandy L. asked about using Outside Team members pulling from the ranks of the recent Pilgrims (now Community members) starting their progressive servanthood by starting with the Outside Servants**
- 2) The use of Outside Team Leaders to train their own teams**
- 3) The Outside Teams interfacing with the Board or Walk Head Servants**

Each item was discussed with no clear resolution or direction

Other items discussed:

**Communications are an issue between teamers on walks and the outside servant teams – a suggestion was made to use runners between the Team and the Outside Teamers
4th Day Packets being prepared by teamers or outside servants and who should be responsible for their readiness.
Communication between Kelly Lyda and Ken Beals for R92 Candlelight were discussed. No conclusion was reached.
R93 outside Support Team – conversations between Mike Mac and Sue Beals will be held. A note to contact Kelly Lyda for support based on her experiences with R92.**

Miscellaneous conversation points:

Suggestions for filling outside committees

Reunion Group Liaison should be a Board Member

Gloria Lambert – Community Placemats

Committee formation suggestions:

Post Weekend Review Committee

Pre Weekend Support Committee

Weekend Set Up Committee

Weekend Tear down Committee

Gathering Set Up Committee

Gathering Tear down Committee

Gathering Communion Elements Committee

Food returning to Gatherings can be allowed only if we have a clean up team – Mike Meacham

Sandy Livingston – asked for men to escort Pilgrims to their tables on Saturday night – R93 will be asked to escort

Sandy Livingston – Table Leader training is going well at R92 Teaming

Sandy Livingston – Team Rise & Shine will be held on the floor

Mike Meacham – Gatherings should be attended by the community wearing colors

Mike Meacham – met with R93 2/27/09 as Community Lay Director

Mike Meacham – revisited the teaming and sponsorship fees discussion when he arrived:

Teaming and Sponsor Fees	Registration Fees
1991 - \$125	1991 - \$35
2001 - \$150	2001 - \$35
2009 - \$175 (fall walks)	2009 - \$35 (all walks)

**Raise fees discussion will be held at the next Board Meeting
We need to increase Scholarship funds level by love offerings
Announce a special love offering collection at April Gathering at tonight's meeting**

**Looking for alternate locations to hold Walks
The Board needs to be more purposeful in looking for locations**

25th Anniversary Committee Formations:

**Reasons: We have lost touch of 3,000 community members since walk #1 – we need to reconnect
Teams could be set up for Homecomings**

For walks:

1-25

26-50

51-75

76-92 (and beyond)

Carolyn Wheeling – reminder to begin the search for 2010 Board members

Tom Brown – Closed with Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Rinehart

April 2, 2009