

North Georgia Emmaus Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021 Meeting

(NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Virus, this meeting was conducted Online)

ATTENDING: Patti Ann Allen (Agape), Suzanne Ayers (Weekend Communication), Hilary Berman (Training), Steve Busey (Technology), Bobby Butler (Men's Team Selection), Terry Cooper (Chrysalis), Craig Hawkins (Co-Sponsorship), Kendel Nickens (Asst. Community Lay Director), Pam Quantock (Secretary), Martha Lee Sanders (Community Lay Director), Ginny Sternberg (Women's Team Selection), John Thompson (Co-Sponsorship), Tara Thompson (Communications), Brian Watson (Registration), Daisy Watson (Registration), Dave Wilkins (Facilities), Mark Wyssbrod (Development), Maria Blackwell (Face to Face), Robin Ward (Fourth Day)

ABSENT: Rev. David Bowen (Men's Community Spiritual Director), Shua Gambill (Head Kitchen), Gene Newby (Music), Buffie Harper (Asst. Secretary & Training), Trey Kinney (Set-Up), Bobby Whirley (Treasurer)

ATTENDING GUESTS: None

CALLED TO ORDER: Martha Lee started the meeting at 7:03 PM. Robin Ward opened with a prayer and devotion.

MINUTES: Martha Lee discussed the minutes for the March 2021 meeting. Hilary Berman made a motion with a second by Ginny Sternberg to approve the minutes as posted. We voted and all were in favor of approving the Minutes for March 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bobby Whirley—Absent, no report this month.

Old Business:

1. Task Force Update – Dave Wilkins—

Dave reported that things are beginning to open up as of 4/8. He also said that things are looking hopeful but will need to be reviewed again at the end of the month when the executive order is updated. He referenced the following email.

Attached (on our website) is the current Governor's Executive Order as of 3-31-21. I have also included screen shots of both Georgia DPH and Pandemics Explained. Please note Pandemics Explained does not show as favorable as the Georgia DPH graph.

With cautious optimism I would like to say this is all great news and we are heading toward life as we knew it, but I am not ready to go there just yet. Most all the restrictions that keep us from having a weekend are now gone or somewhat watered down. Of course, there are many rules and guidelines to follow when we proceed.

Please note Governor Kemp stated yesterday when he announced this, that all would be re-evaluated at the end of April. At that time, we will find out if we have acted responsibly enough to continue forward with this newfound freedom. Your input and comments are welcome.

2. Procedure Update Sub-Committee - Martha Lee Sanders—

The committee is actively reviewing the needed reports for a weekend and working on an excel spreadsheet that will be used for these reports. The next step will be to update documentation.

New Business:

1. Facilities – Dave Wilkins —

- Dave discussed the need to improve the air quality at King’s Retreat. He presented four different options, but the facilities committee does not feel that two of them are feasible. One of the options is to add a Makeup Air function to the current systems, but the systems do not currently have enough tonnage to be effective. Facilities feels the best option is to install an Ionizer Air Purifier for all 17 HVAC Systems. Estimated Cost \$13,800.00. This Ionizer Air Purifier will clear the air at KR of Covid-19, cold and flu viruses, odors, and any other bacteria. They also recommend that as we replace a HVAC unit in the future, we will upgrade 15% in tonnage, and add a makeup air function.
Dave made the motion that we install the Ionizer Air Purifier for all current HVAC Systems, and as we replace HVAC units at Kings Retreat, we will increase the tonnage by 15%, and add the Makeup Air System. Kendel Nickens seconded, and the motion was approved.
- White House Remodel Update: The White House’s foundation needs stabilization. We currently have funds that have been donated by several reunion groups to KR for remodeling the bathrooms in the White House. Dave will reach out to Bobby Whirley to find out which Reunion Groups have made these donations to ask them if we can use these funds along with existing funds to repair the foundation of the White House. Dave has a report and study that was performed on the White House Foundation and will forward to all Board Members by email for review and he will be available to answer any questions via email. This repair cost is \$24,502.40 and will take 3 to 4 days to complete foundation repairs. Dave requested to hold on this motion until Bobby has had time to review data and finances. Also, Mark Wyssbrod will make a video to add to the Loveletter and Facebook to raise funds from our Community using new donation program.
- This week a Reunion Group of 12 is donating time and materials to replace all gutters on the White House. Also, this week Hardscaping will be added to the front of the White House.
- Dave also brought up internet connectivity issues at King’s Retreat. Internet access is being added to the White House. Also, there has been an issue with overloading the internet in the main building and this will be addressed by changing the Wi-Fi password for each walk. This will be handled through the tech servant.

2. Fund Development Status/Update – Mark Wyssbrod—

- Kindful has been integrated and they have kicked off the first campaign. Mark shared that the community has made donations over \$8,000.
- Mark has prepared two new videos starring Gwen Hamill in both. In the video titled ***Do you miss me?*** Gwen shares with our community how much she misses each one of us in the NGWTE community and encourages the community to make donations for Kings Retreat. Mark will work on a cover letter for the video, and it will be sent out soon. The 2nd Video prepared is also starring Gwen and is titled ***Do you miss Kings Retreat?*** This video invites individuals and/or

reunion groups to visit on Tuesdays to help with current projects and repairs and includes reminders about upcoming KR Workdays. Tara will post this video on our NGWTE Facebook page.

- In May Mark will work on a new campaign for donations for the White House.
- Mark Wyssbrod made a motion for persons that made exceptionally large donations to invite them to spend the night at the White House on April 30, 2021. They will also provide a special dinner, music, and campfire, and invite a Spiritual to give a short devotion. Tara Thompson 2nd this motion, and all in attendance also approved.

3. Ministry Manager Member Information – Ginny Sternberg/Martha Lee Sanders

Martha Lee and Ginny explained that Ministry Manager does not allow those with “member” rights (versus board or leadership rights) to view other members’ contact information, such as address, email, and phone number. This prevents 20,000 in our community from connecting with other members. Martha Lee has asked us to brainstorm for a solution.

Committee Reports

Agape –Patti Ann Allen—April 2021—No Report

Chrysalis –Terry Cooper—April 2021—No Report

Chrysalis had a meeting in March and has voted to postpone flights scheduled in July. Girl’s flight will be in December and ending on New Year’s Eve day. The Boys flight will be held in January 2022. Boys and Girls LDs agreed to keep their positions for the postponed flights. Dawn Reece for Girls and Tim Sanders for Boys. Rebuilding and/or replacing teams will begin in August.

Communications—Tara Thompson—April 2021 – As Submitted

April Loveletter articles are due April 11. Ginny Sternberg, Patti Ann Allen, Dave Wilkins, Terry Cooper, Marie Blackwell plan to submit Loveletter articles.

Community Spiritual Director - Rev. David Bowen—April 2021—No Report

Development – Mark Wyssbrod – April 2021 – As Submitted

Face to Face – Maria Blackwell—April 2021—No Report

The held a Board Meeting in March 2021. All Encounters are still on hold. They are waiting and watching the opening of church’s facilities, the Governors Executive Order, and the number of cases in Georgia. Each participant for an Encounter is vulnerable. Ginny Sternberg also gave a presentation on the Database to their board. Maria found that the New Database does not help much with Face to Face. They are only on their 13th encounter, and they were able to capture information from the old data base for all 12 encounters. She is asking the F2F board to look at the weekend schedule and offer suggestions for new procedures on the how to do activities and snacks, candlelight, and any other procedure to help with starting Face to Face Encounters and incorporating current Georgia Covid restrictions.

Facilities – Dave Wilkins – April 2021 – As Submitted

Fourth Day Activities—Robin Ward—April 2021—No Report

Kitchen – Shua Gambill –April 2021—No Report

Music – Gene Newby—NO REPORT—No Report

Registration-- Brian and Daisy Watson – April 2021 – As Submitted

Set Up – Trey Kinney—April 2021—No Report

Sponsorship – Co-Chairs Craig Hawkins and John Thompson--April 2021—No Report

Women’s Team Selection – Ginny Sternberg – April 2021 – As Submitted

Men’s Team Selection – Bobby Butler—April 2021—No Report

Bobby submitted a name to add to his committee: Shawn Mooney Walk #88, LD #181, he is in Bobby’s reunion group. John Thompson 2nd this motion and all in attendance agreed for Shawn Mooney to be on the Men’s Team Selection Committee.

Technology – Steve Busey—April 2021—No Report

Training – Hilary Berman--April 2021—No Report

Weekend Communications – Suzanne Ayers—April 2021—No Report

Assistant Community Lay Director – Kendel Nickens—No Report

Community Lay Director – Martha Lee Sanders: Martha Lee recommended that we meet in person for our next board meeting May 4, 2021. Dave Wilkins will bring an owl to offer an option for those who would like to continue meetings with Zoom. New Georgia Executive Orders should come out by April 30, 2021.

Closing Prayer: Robin Ward led us in a closing prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Daisy Watson made a motion that we close the meeting with a second from Tara Thompson. We voted and were all in favor. The meeting ended at 8:23 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 4th meeting will be held at 7pm at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church, address: 2850 Old Alabama Rd, Johns Creek, GA 30022, also a Zoom Meeting link will be provided at later date.

May Devotion & Prayer: Shua Gambill

Respectfully submitted: Pam Quantock; Secretary: April 5, 2021.

June Devotion & Prayer: Daisy Watson

July—NO MEETING

August Devotion & Prayer: Steve Busey

September Devotion & Prayer: Craig Hawkins

October Devotion & Prayer: Dave Wilkins

November Devotion & Prayer: Buffie Harper

December Devotion & Prayer: Tara Thompson