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| Ralph Rodriguez | (2025, 1 st) | Community Lay Director |
| Dennis Kruse | (2025, 1 st) | Community Assistant Lay Director |
| Maurine Maloy | (2024, 2 nd) | Secretary |
| Chris Hornburg | (2024, 1 st) | Treasurer |
| Lori Balensiefen | | Spiritual Director |
| Dory Martinez | (2024, 1 st) | 4 th Day Gathering Coordinator |
| Lawrence Bader | (2024, 1 st) | Community Trainer |
| Dale Schweers | (2024, 1 st) | Website Content Manager |
| Maurine Maloy | (2024, 2 nd) | Newsletter |
| Carol Wilson | (2024, 1 st) | Gathering Music Coordinator |
| William (Bill) Walker | (2024, 1 st) | Reunion Group Liaison |
| VACANT | (2023, 1st) | Community Agape Coordinator |
| Casey Purvis | (2025, 1 st) | Member |
| Vipul Gupta | (2025, 1 st) | Member |
| Hal Hornburg | (2025, 1 st) | Member |

Ex Officio Members

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| Tom Patterson | Kairos Liaison |
| Ginny Stricklin | Upper Room Liaison |
| Ginny Stricklin | Walk Coordinator |
| Ginny Stricklin | Team Selection Chair |
| Ginny Stricklin | Database Entry |
| Jeri Willis | Walk Registrar |
| Dwane Brown | Men's Walk #65 Board Rep |
| John Decker | Men's Walk #65 Lay Director |

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Ralph called the meeting to order

Lori opened the meeting in prayer

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and acceptance of the prior month's minutes

Bill Walker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.

Larry Bader 2nd the motion – motion passed

Discussion and acceptance of the prior month's financial report

Carol Wilson made a motion to accept the financials as presented.

Larry Bader 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Discussion regarding appointing Dennis Kruse as Assistant Lay Director thru 2024

Dennis let Ralph know that he wasn't comfortable with leading the Gatherings – conversation around the Board table was there is nothing that says the Assistant Lay Director must lead the Gatherings and many volunteered to fill in for Ralph if he isn't able to attend a Gathering.

Ralph Rodriguez made the motion to accept Dennis as Assistant Lay Director.
Dale Schweers 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Order of the Gathering . . .

Ralph thanked Larry Bader for speaking at the last Gathering and sharing his Walk. We need to advertise the opportunity to the community giving others the opportunity to speak. Anyone wanting to speak needs to visit with the Community Lay Directors.

It was also mentioned that it was a tradition that the Lay Director of either Men's Walk or Women's Walk would speak at the following Gathering. That sets up John Decker to speak in May of 2024.

How can we be better stewards of our Emmaus Bank Accounts

Ralph commented that we are not a bank . . . in hopes of invigorating participation in our upcoming Walks that the Board would pay \$100.00 for each Team Member and Pilgrim. Reducing the expense of the 3 day weekend making it more "affordable". The maximum of \$10,000.00 per walk in 2024.

Comments:

Larry Bader asked for financial information over the last 3 years

- Did we end these walks on a positive or negative balance?
- Did we know a minimum reserve balance we need to maintain to cover future budgets?
- Renewal materials need to be replaced from the last walk – do we know the cost of those items?
- Tuesday Nights are possibly one reason we don't have the attendance at the Gatherings we would like to have – could we consider planning a Saturday Gathering giving families the ability to join us – maybe even a Potluck / Picnic style ?

Chris Hornburg mentioned that we have approximately \$3,600.00 set aside in dedicated accounts for Scholarship for Team Members as well as Pilgrims.

Final decisions were tabled until we could obtain more information – Ralph wishes to continue discussion going forward concerning being good stewards of our funds.

Question was raised as to the Walk # progression

Women's Walk #64 – has been cancelled – not postponed – we want to honor what was.

Men's Walk #65 – 2024 lead by John Decker

Women's Walk #66 will be hosted next September, 2024.

Cost for Registrations for Men's Walk #65

Team Fees for the Omega Center \$225.00

Pilgrim Fees for the Omega Center \$260.00

Larry Bader made a motion to approve these fees for next year.

Chris Hornburg 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Time had run out and we needed to move to church.

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Respectively submitted by Maurine Maloy, Secretary.