



Board Members

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	(2023, 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	(2023, 1 st)	Website Content Manager
Maurine Maloy	(2024, 2 nd)	Newsletter
Carol Wilson	(2024, 2 nd)	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

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 and opened the meeting in prayer

Discussion and acceptance of the prior month's minutes

Chris Hornburg brought to our attention that Dedicated Account for Scholarship approximate balance needs to be corrected to \$3,600.00.

Chris made the 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.

Dory Martinez 2nd the motion – motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stewardship of Emmaus Funds

Continuation of conversation from last month

Ralph requested historical financial reports from previous Walks so that we can see where we need to adjust fees for future walks. With ongoing economic changes, we need to know what our

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expenses excluding Walk expenses so that we can be sure we have a cushion for worst case scenarios. The possibility to establish a contingency plan. This will continue to be an ongoing discussion as we gather more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brain Storming & Spit Ball

Larry Bader let the Board know that he Ralph and Dennis have a meeting scheduled on September 16th with the Care Bexar Community (Bulverde / Spring Branch area). They are experiencing similar difficulties in completing walks. The Northwest San Antonio Community has cancelled walks the last 2 years.

Thoughts to be discussed – 2016 Fracturing, Covid, Post Covid, the saturation of the community church members that have already attended a Walk – San Antonio & Boerne. Time demands on people today. Has the Emmaus Season come to an end – is it still relevant, can it be revitalized.

Larry assured us that no decision would be made without coming back to the Board with a report of their meeting.

Healing Meeting

Ralph let us know that Hal is spear heading a healing meeting with the help of Pastor Dinah Shelly of Spring Creek United Church and Pastor Lori Balensiefen with First United Methodist Church.

Casey Purvis asked if we are still looking for Board Members and receiving a Yes let us know that he would like to nominate David Arringdale to join the Board. Ralph advised that David's wife was signed up to be a Pilgrim on the cancelled Women's Walk and shared their disappointment on learning the Walk was cancelled.

Gathering - Ralph advised there is no speaker for tonight's Gathering. Then let us know that David Arringdale has volunteered to speak in October.

Upper Room Communicator – Ralph advised he had received a phone call from Deb Mazurvie. Deb wanted to let us know she is our contact with the Upper Room to open the lines of communication.

Deb also let us know the Upper Room is hosting Village Encounter in 2024 – created for those who can't commit to a traditional walk – on-line – digital – multiple threads – demographics – age groups. This will not replace the Traditional Walk to Emmaus – you can attend the Village Encounter and still apply as a Pilgrim on an upcoming Walk.

Carol Wilson closed the meeting with prayer.