

BORN Again Emmaus Community - Board Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2023 CORRECTED

Board Members

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| Ralph Rodriguez | (2025, 1 st) | Community Lay Director |
| VACANT | (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 |
| VACANT | (2023, 1 st) | Community Agape 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, assumed) | Gathering Music Coordinator |
| William (Bill) Walker | (2024, 1 st) | Reunion Group Liaison |
| Casey Purvis | (2025, 1 st) | Member |
| Vipul Gupta | (2025, 1 st) | Member |
| Dennis Kruse | (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

Ralph opened the meeting in prayer

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and acceptance of the prior month's minutes

It was brought to the Boards attention that the following corrections needed to be made:

Spelling of Hal's name on Page 1 under the Call to Order & Opening Prayer

Date April 4th – 7th, 2024 on Page 2 under the Discussion regarding Men's Walk #65

Larry Bader made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.

Chris Hornburg 2nd the motion – motion passed

Discussion and acceptance of the prior month’s financial report

Chris explained that the Omega Center had issued the necessary refund of deposit – however it was mailed to the wrong P. O. Box. Chris was advised to contact the Omega Center and tell them we would pay for the cancellation fee of the first check and request a new check to be cut and confirm the correct address information.

Chris also mentioned that he had not been able to settle the issue of our Tax Id Number – conflict in the “TIN” (Tax Identification Number) and the “EIN” (Employer Identification Number). The TIN is used for an individual where the EIN is used for a business. He was advised to contact Jeanan Wallace the Business Manager at First United Methodist Church for clarification.

Dory Martinez made a motion to accept the financials as presented.

Carol Wilson 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Announcements for the 2024 Walks to be made at the Gathering

April 4th – 7th for Men’s Walk #65 – at the Omega Center

September 19th – 22nd for Women’s Walk #64 – at the Omega Center

Discussion regarding Men’s Walk #8 – August, 2024 at Mt. Wesley, Kerrville

Men’s Walk #8 at Mt. Wesley, Kerrville, Tx is scheduled for August 10th – 14th Gary Hill is the Lay Director. Larry Bader has received a call from Gary on Sunday, June 18th inviting him to serve on the as the Support Team Lead for this walk. Gary was the Lay Director scheduled for this Walk in 2022 that had to be cancelled due to the inability to fill the team and lack of Pilgrims. Gary is having the same issues again this year and is looking for help. Larry wanted to share this information with our Board to let us know that we are not the only community struggling. Larry’s comment was . . . “We have work to do!”

Ralph shared with us what he was reminded of earlier this morning. The rainbow cross lanyard that we all received as our Walks ended on Sunday hangs on the rear view mirror of his car. As he reached for it - he saw the words “*Christ is counting on you*” and turned it over to see the responsive words “*I am counting on Christ.*”

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) *Resignation of Hal Hornburg as Community Lay Director* due to the devotion and responsibilities to the needs of his wife, Cynthia. Hal wishes to continue as a Board Member for the remainder of 2023 and has asked Ralph to fill in his position. Ralph shared the emotional conversations with Hal – encouraging and inspiring – reminding us of all of what is important. “God, wife (spouse), family, church and community.” Hal loves our community and is willing to serve us through these times of rebuilding, but his wife Cynthia takes priority. At this Ralph agreed to take the Community Lay Director’s term of July 2023 – December 2024 – with the strong support of his wife, Cindy.

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The Board discussion determined that there was no need for a vote – we welcomed Ralph and assured him of our confidence in him as Community Lay Director. We will visit with Hal at a later date to determine the reassignment of his position.

- 2) ***Replacement of Community Spiritual Director*** – As Frank Ritchie took on the role of Mayor of Boerne he resigned as our Spiritual Director. We were advised that Lori Balensiefen, Executive Pastor of First United Methodist Church was recommended to the Board to fill Frank’s position as Community Spiritual Director. This does require a vote from the Board and then presented to the Community for their vote.

Carol Wilson made the motion to accept Lori Balensiefen as our Community Spiritual Director.
Chris Hornburg 2nd the motion – motion passed.

- 3) ***Vote to accept Dennis Kruse as Board Member*** - Hal reached out to Dennis asking him to consider joining the Board and Dennis agreed. The Board Position to be determined at a later date.

Dory Martinez made a motion to accept Dennis as a Board Member
Dale Schweers 2nd the motion – motion passed

- 4) ***Now we need an Assistant Lay Director*** – Ralph made the statement that now we need to fill the Assistant Lay Director position. Ralph was advised that he should speak to Dennis Kruse suggesting he would be the perfect candidate.

Maurine Maloy made a motion to reach out to Dennis.
Carol Wilson 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Ralph closed the meeting and Carol Wilson prayed us out.

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Respectively submitted by Maurine Maloy, Secretary.