



**Board Members**

Hal Hornburg	(2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Community Lay Director
Ralph Rodriguez	(2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Community Assistant Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	(2024, 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Secretary
Chris Hornburg	(2023, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Treasurer
Frank Ritchie		Spiritual Director
Dory Martinez	(2024, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Gathering Coordinator
Jennifer Click	(2023, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Community Agape Coordinator
Carol Wilson	(2023, assumed)	Gathering Music Coordinator
William (Bill) Walker	(2024, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Reunion Group Liaison
Lawrence Bader	(2024, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Community Trainer
Dale Schweers	(2023, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Website Content Manager
<b>VACANT</b>	(2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Newsletter
<b>VACANT</b>	(2024, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Database Entry
<b>VACANT</b>	(2023, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Community Agape Coordinator
Casey Purvis	(2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Member
Vipul Gupta	(2025, 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Member
<b>VACANT</b>	(2023)	Member

**Ex Officio Members**

Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
Ginny Stricklin	Upper Room Liaison
Ginny Stricklin	Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Chair
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**

Hal called the meeting to order  
Larry Bader opened the meeting in prayer

**Discussion and acceptance of the prior month's minutes**

The Board of Directors did not meet in May – instead we hosted a Pot Luck Meal for Walk #63. No minutes to be approved

**Discussion and acceptance of the prior month's financial report**

Regarding the Men's Walk #63 held in April – several pilgrims dropped from the walk at the last minute – Chris was seeking approval to reimburse the team fees to them.  
Carol Wilson made a motion to accept the financials as presented

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Larry Bader 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

**Discussion regarding Men’s Walk #65**

Walk Coordinator, Ginny Stricklin reported that John Decker has completed all requirements of a Walk Lay Director and has expressed his desire to be the Lay Director for Men’s Walk #65 in April of 2024.

Ginny Stricklin made the motion to approve John Decker as Lay Director  
Bill Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Ginny also reported that Dwane Brown, the previous Lay Director of Men’s Walk #63 has been asked to serve as Board Rep for Men’s Walk #64 and has agreed to serve in this position upon Board Approval

Ginny Stricklin made the motion to approve Dwane Brown as Board Rep.  
Bill Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed.

**Discussion regarding Men’s Walk #65 – April, 2024**

Ginny advised that she, John Decker & Dwane Brown have visited the Omega Center – the entire center has been completely remodeled since we looked at it last - we should be able to use the facilities just as we have in the past with “better amenities”. They were also told that the Omega Center has hired a new chef.

Omega Center: Cost per person - \$200.00 with no additional fees for additional buildings.  
Camp Capers: Cost per person - \$285.00 plus additional fees for additional buildings.

Omega Center has been booked for April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with a \$400.00 deposit.  
Camp Capers deposit was considerably more expensive.

The Women’s Walk has been booked for September 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

**Discussion regarding the postponement of Women’s Walk #64**

Hal opened the discussion with the phrase of not wanting to “wear a hair shirt” – “to behave in a way that shows you feel very sorry and guilty about something you have done wrong.” There is an underlying current of discord running through our community and we need to be concerned. We as a Board need to lead the community to a fix – heal from the inside – we are not to do God’s work – we need to leave space for the Holy Spirit to work.

The first 3 days of the creation God created “space” - days 4 thru 6 – God filled that space – then He rested.

Speaking directly to Denise Vadnais – Hal wanted her to know that she is not a failure!

Hal opened the discussion to the Board asking for ideas . . .

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Carol Wilson – Amen to Hal’s comment

Larry Bader – spoke of individual engagement – we need to take the Walk to Emmaus into our personal church homes – inviting members to a Walk – deepen individual relationships leading others to involvement.

Carol Wilson – First United Methodist Church is building a data base of Walks that our Community has sponsored. We are still struggling from the COVID pandemic and bringing people back to church and involvement.

Geri Willis – presented the question “How do I approach my pastor?”

Dory Martinez – echoed the thoughts others had mentioned – our Community has become lax – pushing the idea of using what you learned on your walk (don’t forget about the Boerne Community)

Larry Bader – include a card with instructions / steps explaining to Pilgrims where and how to connect with Communities and Reunion Groups in the closing package.

Chris Hornburg – look into how we can re-emphasize this information into Sunday’s Schedule

Bill Walker – Reunion Groups – some have become “clicks” (not open to taking in new members) or have disbanded without our knowledge. He will be looking into / contacting Reunion Groups that we have information on. Encouragement of leading / test drive a small group.

Hal Hornburg – The idea of Reunion Groups need to grow & divide. Reminder that The Upper Room Information that we have is a wonderful outline of how the Walk to Emmaus works – but is not the Bible – we need to be flexible.

Ginny Strickland – we need to train sponsors to continue to bring their pilgrims to the Gatherings and help them get connected. Larry Bader reminded her that he has been training the Sponsors at the last several Walks.

Dale Schweers – he feels frustrated – everyone has an excuse – we need to figure out the why – where are your priorities? The Walk is about RE-prioritization of life.

Casey Purvis – underlined the involvement / follow-up by sponsors

Hal Hornburg – mentioned that Zoom hurt Emmaus and our Churches – it became too easy to stay home and watch the Zoom services – We have an email list of 300+ email contacts – how can we reach them.

Larry Bader – we can take that list of emails – split it up among the board and make phone calls

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Chris Hornburg – Reach out and call someone that you know hasn't been to a Gathering – challenge them to come

Denise Vadnais – suggested to reach out to all of members of a Reunion Groups instead of just the name listed as the contact for the group

Hal closed the meeting with some Practical Theology that Michael Bingamen had shared with him:

*“We cry to God Almighty, how can we escape this agony? Fool, don't you have hands? Or could it be God forgot to give you a pair? Sit and pray your nose doesn't run! Or - rather just wipe your nose and stop seeking a scapegoat.” - Epictetus, Discourses, 2.16.13*

*De Colores!!!*

*Respectively submitted by Maurine Maloy, Secretary.*