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Crossroad Emmaus Community

June/July 2022

Special points of interest:

- CRE Gathering is Friday, July 17th at 6:30 pm, Danevang Lutheran Church.
- The August Gathering will be held at Seadrift FUMC on the 19th.
- The next board meeting will be held August 4 at JEC, 8925 Hwy 111 South. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm.



June Crossroad Emmaus Board Meeting

On June 21st the Crossroads Emmaus Board met at the JEC Building. After the call to order and opening prayer the first order of business was the review and approval of the April 19 minutes. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

A Gatherings report was given. Attendance has been subdued at recent gatherings. In May we had 14 in attendance at Ganado FUMC, and on June 13 attended at Port Lavaca FUMC. Upcoming gatherings will be held at Danevang Lutheran on July 15; August 19 at Seadrift FUMC, which will be the Men's Walk Team Commissioning; and on September 16, for the Babe Chick gathering at FUMC Edna.

In Walk reports, LD Mike Myers reports that the team for upcoming Men's Walk #90, scheduled for

August 25-28 has one team meeting left. There have been commitments issues experienced by members of the team. The Registrar reports only one confirmed pilgrim, at this time of the board meeting. The CRE Board voted to supplement the team by approving a support (outside) team made up of men and women, with a minimum of two men on that support team.

Regarding the Women's Walk, the Board has not yet received potential replacement dates for later in 2022, but a date is reserved in 2023.

The Board of Directors will be looking at additional facilities for future walks.

Committee reports were received. The Community continues to have an opening for a Prayer Vigil chair.

The Vigil schedule has been added to the CRE website. The Board has received word that there is a qualified member of the Community that may be willing to take this position. In the interim, this position will be co-chaired by Karen Webb and Retha Hahn.

In old business, the Texas Franchise Tax Report has been submitted. The Community is still awaiting 501(c)3 designation from the IRS. The Board will be required to obtain liability insurance prior to entering into the covenant letter with the Upper Room.

In new business, an ad hoc committee has been created to research and obtain liability insurance for the Crossroads Emmaus Community. Kimberly Blezinger, Retha Hahn, and Bill Rakowitz were appointed to the committee.

The next meeting is August 4th.

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These United States of America became a free country 246 years ago today. Many detractors in our current days seem to forget that the USA is also a nation under God, founded on Christian principles.

54 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Christians and 27 of them held theology degrees. Two of the first acts of the Continental Congress were to hire military chaplains, and to purchase 20,000 Bibles to remedy a national shortage.

*"All this we ask in the
name and through the
merits of Jesus Christ,
Thy Son and our
Savior"*

The first prayer of the first Congress went as follows: "O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior."

Well over a hundred years later, the U.S. Supreme Court would spend 10 years examining hundreds of documents on the foundation of the country. The justices came to the unanimous conclusion that those documents undeniably "add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a religious people, a Christian nation."

Many who are responsible for running our government today have strayed from what most Christians would expect them to do under God. Christians today should pray that those in power open their hearts to conviction for their actions by the Holy Spirit, hearing God's voice, and making decisions aligned with His will.



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Men's Walk #90

Over the past few years Walk #90 has persevered against the darkness that this world knows, and indeed worsens daily. During that time the board has discussed at length and taken action to 'work around' both general scheduling issues and specific elements like the pandemic and facility shut-downs. Lay Directors for many of our last years have struggled as well. It seems that all too often the face of darkness wants to peer directly at our effort to love on

and lift up our fellow Christians. Walk #90 has one more meeting this month. *I ask the members of this community to get down on their knees and pray for the team of Walk #90 and for the pilgrims that would attend that Walk.*

Pray for their success. Pray for their acceptance. Pray that God's will be done.

We know that the Walks happen in God's time. For those Christian soldiers that have faced what

feels like defeated circumstances this is unsettling. We must remember to embrace God's grace and remember that it is Him that we serve. Until God is ready, we must stand shoulder to shoulder in the gap, supportive of each other, with the knowledge that God has already won.

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"But when the **kindness** and **love** of God our Savior appeared, **he saved us**, not because of the **righteous** things we had done, but because of his **mercy**.

He saved us through the **washing** of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit..."

Titus 3:4-5



At The Cross

The Cup of Our Salvation



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