

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

JANUARY 2023

IT'S UP TO YOU

Without you stepping up to serve as Christ's hands and feet throughout the year – Great River Walk to Emmaus won't exist. What can you do?

Sponsor Pilgrims! Volunteer to help on committees. Assist with short-term projects! There are many tasks that can be done at home. If you have computer skills – we've got plenty of opportunities to choose from 😊 If you're a hands-on person who doesn't like technology – there is much for you, too! There's something for everyone! Board member contact information is on the back; and we're waiting for your call, text, or email.

Remember what Emmaus/a closer walk with Christ has done for you. May it inspire you to become active in making a difference so people can participate in a 3-day walk, experiencing His real presence through their 4th days.

Luke 24: 13-35



PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

This information was shared in our December Update emailed and posted on Facebook December 3. The timing working out that a recent Facebook post is also being shared, knowing many of our members do not have Facebook accounts. Please keep in mind – typically FB posts are not included in our GRE monthly Update.

The board unanimously agreed to propose a change to the ByLaws – Section 6, which currently reads: Ten (10) members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The proposed change is to read: A quorum for Board meetings shall be whoever is present at a duly called Board meeting. A duly called meeting is a meeting time approved by the Community Lay Director and the Community Spiritual director and is announced to the other members of the Board at least 2 weeks in advance by email and text.

Community members objecting to this change must file a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members. The objections must be received within sixty (60) days of this notification. If an objection petition is received, the proposed change will be considered void.

WHY WAS THIS CHANGE PROPOSED?

During 2023 we had meetings with less than ten board members present, preventing “live” votes. The GRE board should consist of 12 lay and 3 clergy – a total of 15. If you have been watching the board roster printed in our monthly Updates, you have noticed there's been turnover. For a variety of reasons, several members each year, for the past 2-3 years, have resigned. Due to vacations, family situations, etc., it is not always possible for every member to attend every meeting. In addition, several of our board members are farmers, which makes attending meetings during planting and harvest unlikely (unless it rains). We have done our best to include members who cannot attend in person the opportunity to participate online. However, many farm fields don't have great cell reception – plus, the equipment makes noise, so there are hearing difficulties.

Posted by community member on Facebook January 9:

In the December Newsletter the BOD suggested the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Crown Reunion group is recommending that the following change be made to the GRE bylaws: Article 4 Board of Directors - Section 6: Six (6) members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

If you agree with this suggested change please sign below so I can get it to the board for their next meeting. 25 names are needed to send this to the board for consideration. If you have questions and/or would like to support this proposed

UPCOMING WALK DATES

Quincy University

Men's Walk #35
February 22-25

Women's Walk #36
March 14-17

Applications on
www.greatriveremmaus.org

WEEKEND RATES

Great River Emmaus has never had a rate increase, and must do so now to help cover costs.

Weekend rates increased to \$170.00 for the upcoming walks.

Prep weekend increased to \$85.00.

Volunteers can stay for \$34.76/night.

change, please feel free to give me a call, email, text or contact me thru facebook. Mary Gillingham, 309-255-2038, gillinghambm@yahoo.com.

Any community member who would like to propose a change or recommend the ByLaws NOT change are welcome to collect 25 community member signatures by or before February 1. Email your proposal and signatures to Judy Hays or Ed Reid.

WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING?

We must have at minimum of ten candidates for the Men's Walk and for the Women's Walk on the Thursday one week prior to each walk. Waiting until the last minute puts our walks in jeopardy of being cancelled. It's a bad reflection on our community to cancel – and it's unfair to our Walk teams and potential pilgrims to wait until the last minute to turn in applications. We currently have:

- Five men registered for the Men's Walk on February 22-24
- Two women registered for the Women's Walk on March 14-17

YOU ARE NEEDED!

There are countless volunteer opportunities! And, community members are needed to serve on GRE walk preparation teams. You can donate 50 pieces of Agape for the men's walk and 50 for the women's walk. If you like doing computer work or other tasks at home, can help on walk weekend, feel compelled to bake something ... whatever your gift (and you DO have a gift from God!) – please share. Contact Judy Hays or any board member to match your gifts with opportunities to serve.

YOUR GRE BOARD (Including those going off this month)

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