

## Suncoast Walk to Emmaus, Board Meeting Minutes

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Members present: Paul Smith, Gene-Louise Fisher, Cindy Thayer, Wilma Waltz, George Strawn, Rick Pecht, Cathy Pecht, Oscar Keuker. David Greenwood, Donna Greenwood, Bonnie Cary, Frank Sturgell, Brian Erickson, Warren Wasson. Absent: Tracy Thompson.

Visitors: Lisa Adams, Rick Adams, Christina Erickson, Jim Foss, John Browner.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by chairperson Elisa Niles. The candle was lit, prayer to the Holy Spirit was prayed, hymn "How great thou art" was sung. Elisa asked for "God Moments"; several were shared.

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed: Paul Smith moved acceptance of same and Frank Sturgell seconded. Chairperson Niles reminded the secretary that minutes were to be forwarded to Lisa Eddington so she can forward them to the Upper Room.

Treasurer's report: at the end of July the bank balance was just over \$1,200.00. Treasurer Bonnie expressed concerns; \$1,800.00 required for rooms for the upcoming walks and the website costs us \$74.00 every three months. Rick Pecht moved approval of minutes (see attached), Frank Sturgell seconded; passed.

Registrar's report: 5 men, four women registered at this time.

Fund Raising committee: Cindy Thayer distributed a letter to be mailed to the <sup>Board</sup> community for comment and suggestions. Donna Greenwood reported on the silent auction to be held in conjunction with the Sept. gathering at Englewood U.M.C. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Reported on the donations committed so far. Donations will be available to be viewed by community at 4:30. The meeting will be a regular pot luck dinner. Oscar Keuker raised the question of the possibility of automatic bank withdraws for members to donate. After discussion it was agreed to check into it and report back next year. The wording of the letter to be mailed was discussed and some adjustments made. Time of distribution was discussed.

Dave Greenwood, from the Fund Raising Committee, raised the question of having a 50/50 raffle. Is it gambling? Probably not what we want to do.

Rick Pecht asked about the annual review of the By Laws. The current By Laws exclude clergy from the board, except the Spiritual Director. Rick moved to revise to come into compliance with the Upper Room guidelines. PASSED. Corrections needed; Section 4, article 4, paragraph e of By Laws, concerning nominations. Also regarding the appointment of officers; Article 5, Section 2; "officers for 1 year term, except Lay Director, 2 year term." Discussion; By Laws reviewed every five years or every year? Every year agreed upon.

Paul Smith asked about Article 6, Section 4, which he said is poorly worded regarding attendance...three consecutive un-excused absences shall be considered to be resigned. Motion by Warren Wasson that Marilyn Sturgell's absences be considered excused due to physical disability following surgery. Motion passed.

Rick Pecht moved, Paul Smith seconded, to change wording about absences to clarify it. Amended. Passed.

Board Representatives for the walks; after discussion, board accepted Rick Adams suggestion of Lee Martin for men's walk. Cindy Thayer was approved for women's walk, contingent upon her getting time off from work.

?concerning nomination ballots. Elisa will get forms. There will be 5 positions to fill, and 7 names are needed. Elisa called on the week-end Lay Directors. Rick Adams requested the chapel down stairs, rather than up, and asked Bonnie to decorate it again as a chapel. Christina Erickson had concerns about rooms, keys, Issues about budget for supplies. Rick Pecht moved to approve \$100.00 for each week-end. Oscar Keuker seconded, passed.

Elisa had a question about the timing of next news letter; Cindy Thayer said that she hoped to get it out by the end of Sept.

Elisa reminded up of spring, 2017 walks, and challenged the Board to begin to plan for 2018 and 2019.

Frank Sturgell shared an experience about inappropriate discussion in reunion groups. At 8:25 the meeting was adjourned, and Rev. Frank led us in communion/ Followed by sharing prayer and praise, then singing "Bind Us Together".

Respectfully submitted; R. Warren Wasson, Sec.