

Suncoast Walk to Emmaus, Board Meeting

June 20, 2016

Chairperson Elisa Niles called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. The candle was lit and Dave Greenwood gave the devotion, followed by the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Members present were: Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Frank Sturgell, Bonnie Cary, Donna and Dave Greenwood, Kathy Pecht, Rick Pecht, George Strawn, Wilma Waltz, Paul Smith, and Warren Wasson.

Absent; Gene-Louise Fisher, Oscar Keuker, Tracy Thompson, Marilyn Sturgell, and Cindy Thayer.

Visitor: Rev. Terry Cary

The minutes were approved with necessary corrections.

Bonnie Cary gave the Treasurer's report (see attached). She also reported that \$106 plus \$95 from the gathering last Saturday at Englewood. Paul Smith moved and Kathy Pecht seconded approval...passed.

A Discussion about the By-Laws followed. Terry Cary had previously been asked to look for these. He reported that we need to go back to 1991 to see if they need to be changed. Elisa stated that she would work on updating the by-laws. Sec. to review minutes and thumb drive for original by-laws for the next meeting. Question followed concerning whether or not we would meet in July.

Elisa reported she had sent a "Thank You" note to Donna Cooke for snacks given during the last walks.

New Business: Further discussion re: July meeting. Usually poorly attended.

Elisa proposed changing Dec. meeting to earlier in the month. Frank moved

We meet Dec. 5th. Donna seconded...discussion. Motion defeated. Frank moved we meet Dec. 12th. Donna seconded, motion passed. Bonnie moved that we not have July Gathering. Rick gave reasons for not setting poor president. Motion failed. We will have July gathering (Donna to let us know where), but no board meeting.

Elisa proposed a Board retreat. Donna will check with Day Spring as to cost. Brian suggested the possibility of meeting at the church he attends. Terry Cary volunteered his church free of charge and meal will be provided. The August Board meeting (Aug. 15th) will begin at 5:30. The Kick Off team meeting for fall walks will be on Aug. 25th.

Elisa questioned the time frame for nominations for board elections. Discussion; agreed process needs to start earlier.

Question was raised regarding music at the gatherings. David and Donna working with Tracy to improve.

Brian reported on Christian Retreat for walks. Dates are reserved for fall walks and for 2017.

Dave raised a question about team selection; Paul Smith reported that he had communicated with Christina Erickson and Rick Adams and that almost all positions are filled, and five men already registered. GERAL Van Dyken to be head Spiritual Director for men, with Brian James, and Bob O'keefe. For the women; Sally Vandervort is head Spiritual Director, with Rennie Hernandez, and Beth Merchison.

Paul Smith questioned why we have so few men on roster. We are losing names. Old week-end walk books to be cross referenced. Rick reported that at the last walk someone saw our rainbow suspender, etc. and assumed we were a LBGT group. Discussion followed. Colors are part of tradition handed down from

Upper Room.

At 8:21 the business meeting closed , and Rev. Sturgell led us in communion.

Prayer concerns shared and closed with singing "Bind us together." Respectfully submitted, R. Warren Wasson, Secretary