

## Suncoast Walk to Emmaus, Board Meeting

April 18, 2016

Present: Elesa Niles, Bonnie Carey, Paul Smith, Gene-Louise Fisher, Kathy Pecht, Rick Pecht, Brian Erickson, Donna Greenwood, David Greenwood, Marilyn Sturgell, Frank Sturgell, George Straight, Warren Wasson

Absent: Traci Thompson, Cindy Thayer, Oscar Keuker, Wilma Waltz

Visitors: Jim Foss, Terry Carey, John Browner

Chariperson Niles called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. Donna Greenwood gave the devotion and led in praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. "God Moments" were shared. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and corrected to show correct name for Gene-Louise Fisher.

Rick Pecht moved acceptance of minutes, George Strawn seconded, passed.

Committee reports: Paul Smith, reporting for Team Selection, shared Extreme difficulty in getting next Men's Walk Lay Director. By Laws and policy regarding this were discussed.

George Strawn asked how many crosses should be ordered. Marilyn made a motion to buy one hundred (100), Gene-Louise seconded Discussion, plus chains, and one hundred (100) purple worship books, Marilyn amended motion to include four (4) hand crosses. Passed.

Treasurer's Report by Bonnie Carey previously e-mailed to Board Members---see attached. Motion by Kathy Pecht, seconded by Donna Greenwood, approved.

New Business; Question by Dave Greenwood as to why Board Representative on walks have to pay. After discussion, Bonnie made a motion that at each board meeting we create a fund to be used to pay all or part of both Board Reps week-end expense, depending on how much was available in the fund at the time. Warren seconded .

Warren motioned to amend and accepted by Bonnie to create a voluntarily funded pool to pay for Board Reps. Offering to be received at each Board Meeting. Passed.

Chair Elisa brought up the issue of the proper way to introduce the table of Love and Wisdom. Stated that the levity of using word of “confusion” is not consistent with words of Jesus in Bible. Requested that

Confusion no longer be used. She next asked about clergy application files. Frank Sturgell said he did not have them. Discussion---they need to be updated. The Upper Room as them on file.

The next item was the 2017 walk dates. Rick Pecht reported that the proposed dates have a conflict, and need to be changed. After discussion, March 9-12 for Men’s walk, and March 16-19 for Women’s Walk were agreed on. Motion, Frank Sturgell, seconded by Warren.

Passed. Fall walks dates are: Men; Oct.19-22; Women; Oct. 26-29.

Warren Wasson asked if pilgrims could be allowed to bring bicycles to ride in spare time. Discussion—approved.

Elisa brought up the goals for the community, with reference to responses from the previous gathering...to be further considered at a later date.

The post walk gathering was mentioned, next Saturday at Palmetto U.M.C., 4:00 P.M. for pilgrims and team, 5:00 P.M. for community.

Marilyn Sturgell stated that we need to have on hand the medical expertise of team and pilgrims for medical emergencies. Agreed, next applications will include line for this. Meeting closed at 8:24 P.M.

Spiritual Director Franks Sturgell administered communion; closed with prayer request and singing of "Bind Us Together".

Respectfully submitted,

R. Warren Wasson, Secretary