

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Marilyn Sturgell, Bonnie Cary, Warren Wasson, Sue Bensen-Klinger, Trina Robinson, Lisa Edington, David Greenwood, Tami Scarlett, George Strawn

MEMBERS ABSENT - Dr. Bob O'Keef, Donna Greenwood, Phil Southwick, John Brower

President Niles called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. And lit the Christ candle.

Sue Bensen-Klinger gave the devotion and asked if we remember what Emmaus has done for our hearts. She led us in the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Warren Wasson led us in the song "Sanctuary". We then shared our closest to Christ/or farthest from Christ moments. Warren said that we have had opportunities for prayers for loses throughout our Community.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - The motion was made by Bonnie Cary and seconded by Warren Wasson that the July minutes with the correction be accepted.

President Niles reported that she had received a letter of resignation from the board from Gene-Louise Fisher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AGAPE - Sue Bensen-Klinger said that the Prayer Clocks are sad because very few people have signed up to pray for the upcoming walks. She asked Trina to send out the link to the community to sign up for the walks. She has some Agape, but needs more. Sue said she thought we should follow Pastor Bob's suggestion of starting out with snacks on tables being sparse and increasing them as the weekend goes along. She has sent letters to other communities. Brian suggested that we put out an email and send a notice to the head of each reunion group letting them know of the need for more Agape.

QUARTERMASTER: George Strawn reported that we have potato chips and other snacks, but drinks are needed and suggested announcing the need for

drinks and healthy snacks at the next gathering. He will take the trailer home after the Men's Walk and re-organize it for the Women's Walk.

HOUSING AND GATHERINGS - Dave Greenwood reported that the next Gathering will be held in Englewood on September 16th. Sue is going to try to arrange for the Fourth Day speaker. We will also have the Team Send-Off at the Gathering. We will not be having the auction because there are only 3 items. A raffle was suggested for a later date. October 21st will be the Post-Walk to be held at First United Methodist Church - Palmetto. November gathering will be at Grace UMC - Sarasota Campus. Pastor Bob has offered his church for a gathering. David questioned who is going to be handling the outside duties for the walks, such as parking, etc.. Lisa Edington offered to help for the Men's Walk. The below listings are the dates for the Men's and Women's Walks:

Fall Walk: Men's - September 21-24, 2017. Women's - October 12-15, 2017
Spring Walk: Men's - April 12-15, 2018. Women's - April 19-22, 2018
Fall Walk: Men's - September 27-30, 2018. Women's - October 11-14, 2018

COMMUNICATIONS: Trina Robinson said she is starting the new newsletters and needs articles. Lisa will send her the information on the deceased of the community.

REGISTOR - Tami Scarlett reported that we have 2 Pilgrims without sponsors - 1 male and 1 female. As of the date of this meeting, she has applications for 7 men and 13 women.

Lisa offered to see if she could find a sponsor for the woman. Elisa felt we should turn them back to the churches for sponsor and see if the church will come up with the fee for the woman.

TEAM SELECTION: Lisa Edington reported that a few pals are needed for the Women's Walk. David needs a Table Leader - Discipleship Talk, and Pals are all set for the Men's Walk. Lay Directors for the Spring Walk are all set. The mailing of 500 letters went out, with 71 being returned.

President Elisa suggested a moment of silence for Jim Foss at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bonnie Cary presented the Report, highlighting that the Gathering collection was \$143.39 and \$60.00 was the collection from last month's Board Meeting. The quarterly internet fee has been paid. Motion by Dave Greenwood and seconded by Brian Erickson that the August report be accepted as presented.

Discussion was held on the January Gathering which will be a Spaghetti Dinner/ Auction to be held at Grace Church in Venice on January 20, 2018 starting at 4:30 PM and dinner being served at 5:30. Tickets for adults and children are \$10.00 each. Warren and Lisa will line up entertainment. Invitations will be emailed to the Community and RSVPs can be by email.

President Elisa asked that the Election Committee, Lisa, Sue and herself, be given names for a slate for election of board members for 2018.

Sue Benson-Klinger suggested that we have a blessing of team members at our next Gathering.

Lisa Edington volunteered to do some training for the new Lay Directors before the Team selections.

Brian Erickson gave a report on the tour of DaySpring for the Fall Walks. He gave a description of the new facility and how convenient it will be. We can use the kitchen and there is a door into the kitchen so that the main room will not be disturbed. They have a list of trays we can order from for Saturday night. We will need laptops to play the DVD for Thursday nights. We need to furnish DaySpring with a list of preferred meal times and the events we will need the chapel for. The weekend Lay Directors will need to provide these lists. The outdoor pavilion will be used for Send-Off and the Candlelight. For the Candlelight, the Pilgrims will walk up the ramp to St. Thomas Chapel like we previously did. Parking will be in the paved and gravel areas. The snacks will be in the kitchen and the Agape room will be in the cabin where it has always been. We will be using Mark, Luke and John cabins. Thursday before the pilgrims arrive, the team should meet early and walk the premises and pray and anoint the rooms. The schedule for Thursday is:

5:00 PM - Team Dinner

6:00 PM - Team Communion in St. Thomas Chapel

7:00 - 7:30 PM - Pilgrim Check-in

7:30 - 7:45 PM - Send-Off

The sponsors should be notified that they are not to arrive before 7:00 PM!

DaySpring is very willing to accommodate us and seemed happy to have us back.

We closed the meeting with prayer requests and adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next Board Meeting is September 18th at 6:30 PM. (Brian is going to see if the Board Meeting can be held at DaySpring and will let us know.)

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary