

**SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Marilyn Sturgell, Bonnie Cary (By Facebook), Dr. Bob O'Keef, George Strawn, Dave Greenwood, Donna Greenwood, Lisa Edington (By Zoom), Tami Scarlett (By Facebook) Trina Robinson, Mel Robinson, Warren Wasson, Karen Post, Victor Berger, Charlotte Ward, John Brower

ABSENT: Sue Bensen-Klinger, Lisa Adams, Patti Nemazie, Pam Hunt

VISITOR: Frank Sturgell

Elisa Niles called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM saying she hoped the New Year was off to a good start for us.

Marilyn Sturgell gave the devotion and led the group in the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Warren Wasson led us in singing "Sanctuary".

We went around the room introducing ourselves and telling what we were looking forward to in this year.

Elisa brought up the following:

There are new Team Manuals and the 2014 Handbooks are valid.

A binder should be established for Weekend Spiritual Directors. It should include applications, talks they have given, etc. and the Upper Room requirements. And to be in compliance, the Weekend and Assistant Weekend Spiritual Directors are to be interviewed by the Board.

The Face-To-Face program be introduced to the community to see if there is an interest. It is an alternative to the Weekend with the difference being that the pilgrims stay at home at night.

The Upper Room is restructuring and they would like community members to be involved.

Suggestion was made that the Servant form be available Saturday night at the Spaghetti Dinner for those who did not fill it out on line.

Board positions were voted on as follows

Class of 2016-2018:

Brian Erickson - Community Director

Marilyn Sturgell - Secretary

Dave Greenwood - Housing and Gatherings

Donna Greenwood - Housing and Gatherings

Warren Wasson - Community Activities Coordinator and assisting Mel Robinson

Class of 2017 - 2019:

Tami Scarlett - Registrar

Sue Bensen-Klinger - Agape

Trina Robinson - Communication

George Strawn - Quartermaster

Mel Robinson - Reunion Groups/Fund Raising

Class of 2018 - 2020:

Lisa Adams - Music

Patti Nemazie - Team a Selection

Pam Hunt - Education

Karen Post - Treasurer

Victor Berger - Assistant Community Director

Charlotte Ward - Chrysalis

Elisa thanked the Board members for their time, gifts and support in helping her to achieve her vision for Suncoast Emmaus. She feels God is continuing to move in harvesting souls for Christ. She will be in prayer for the Board members and herself as we are a team working together. She turned the meeting over to new Community Direction, Brian Erickson, saying the Board is in good hands.

Brian spoke to the Board members telling them that Emmaus was the start in his getting back to church and it turned their lives around. He wants to continue to do what he can to make this group the best possible - to let God shine through the abilities we have and spending time at the meetings wisely and sticks to the specifics on the agenda so it shows through. He asked what needs to be done to prepare for Saturday night. He will be there at 4:00 to set up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSING AND GATHERINGS: Donna will do the set-up for the Silent Auction. The Bidding starts at 4:00 and dinner will be served at 5:30. Doris Ann needs the count by Thursday morning. Housing is taken care of for the entertainers. We need people to help with the clean-up.

February 22 - Spring Walk kick-off at 7:00 PM at Grace Church- Sarasota

March 3, 17 & 31 - Teams Training at Grace-Sarasota from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

April 12-15 - Men's Walk. (Jim needs one Assistant Spiritual Director)

April 19-22 - Women's Walk

April 28 - Post Walk Pot Luck at Grace-Sarasota at 4:00 PM for the Fourth Day people and 5:00 PM for the Community.

TEAM SELECTION: Lisa Edington - she has turned in the manuals including the team selection materials.

COMMUNICATIONS: Trina asked about Reunion Group forms so that she can do an update.

Vic said that Ellenton UMC would like information on Emmaus and that the pastor needs help. Brian will give her a call.

A motion was made by Warren Wasson and seconded by Dave Greenwood that the new Treasurer, Karen Post and the outgoing Treasurer, Bonnie Cary both have access to the Suncoast Emmaus Walk online bank account. And that Karen Post, Brian Erickson and Bonnie Cary will be authorized signers on the Suncoast Emmaus Walk bank accounts. Motion carried.

At the next meeting discussion will be held on who will have the keys to check on our post office box.

Elisa informed the new board members that the collection taken at the monthly board meetings Goes toward the Board Rep walk expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM and turned over to Dr. Bob who did an interactive Bible Study on joy.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell
Secretary

.....for the joy of the Lord is your (my) strength. Nehemiah 8:10

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