

Suncoast Walk to Emmaus, Board Meeting

May 16, 2016

Present: Elisa Niles, Dave Greenwood, Cindy Thayer, Frank Sturgell, Marilyn Sturgell, Brian Erickson, George Strawn, Gene-Louise Fisher, Traci Thompson, Oscar Keuker, Wilma Waltz, Paul Smith

Absent: Bonnie Carey, Donna Greenwood, Rick Pecht, Kathy Pecht, Warren Wasson

Visitors: Christina Erickson, Rick Adams, Lisa Adams, Leo Masucci, Jim Foss, John Browner, Bill Orlando

Chairperson Elisa Niles called the meeting to order at 6:36 P. M. Marilyn Sturgell gave the devotion and led in praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Minutes from the April 18th meeting were reviewed and corrected to show correct name to George Strong and that Dave Greenwood gave the devotion. Traci Thompson led in singing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High."

Moved by George Strawn and seconded by Dave Greenwood the minutes be with corrections be accepted. **Motion passed.**

In the absence of Bonnie Carey, Brian Erickson presented the Treasurer's Report that had been e-mailed to the Board Members-see attached. The line item entitled "Misc. items" for \$128 be changed to Board Scholarship. Moved by Traci Thompson and seconded by Dave Greenwood that the Treasurer's Report with change be accepted. **Motion passed.**

New Business: Dave Greenwood reported that the May 21st Gathering will be at the Ellenton UMC. In the absence of Dave and Donna Greenwood, Barb Nolan will fill in for them. Cindy Thayer reported that she had the raffle items. Paul Smith said he will not be at the gathering. Elisa Niles reminded the Board Members that a part of their duties is to be at gatherings.

Cindy Thayer reported that the Fund Raising Committee met to discuss the Pledge Drive and it was determined there were more questions about how to proceed than she was able to answer. Cindy presented a draft of a letter, with recommendations made by Elisa Niles and Bonnie Carey, to send out to the Community. It was pointed out that expenses were not broken down in the letter, but that the need for a Pledge arrive was explained in detail. This committee will meet within the week to finalize the letter and then she will bring it back to the Board for approval. The question of who is responsible for this drive because Cindy will be going off the Board and it was determined that it will be the responsibility of the person that takes her place on the Board.

George Strawn reported that he had purchased the Books, hand crosses and Emmaus Walk books that were approved at the last meeting.

Paul Smith stated that committees for team selections for the Men's and Women's upcoming walks met on May 9th at Port Charlotte UMC from 7:30 A.M. To 5:00 P.M. Men's Committee: Paul Smith, Frank Sturgell, Mike Shahan and Rick Adams. Women's Committee: Paul Smith, Frank Sturgell, Christina Erickson, Marilyn Sturgell, Donna Greenwood and Lisa Adams. He presented a list of team selection for

each walks. He thanked Leo Masucci for his help. Paul found several Walk rosters missing. Frank Sturgell reported that he has three confirmed clergy so far that he will present to the Board for approval at the next meeting. Elisa raised questions regarding board members being considered in the number one position of team selection. - After some discussion, issue was dropped.

Moved by Frank Sturgell and seconded by Marilyn Sturgell that the Men's and Women's Team Selections be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**

It was moved by Elisa Niles and seconded by Gene-Louise Fisher that Pilgrims review their packets and that the Table Leaders suggest that they fill out applications to work up-coming walks and then the Table Leaders collect the applications and turn them in to the Board Representative. **Motion approved.** Elisa Niles said this should be added to the procedures.

Elisa reported that she had not received the updated By-Laws from Terry Carey. The list she has is dated 2009 and they are supposed to be updated every 5 years. If she has not received them by the next meeting, they will have to be updated from what she has. She stated that the By-Law contents are how we are supposed to operate. It was noted that the list of Procedures she has are dated 2010 and these can be changed by the Board, but revision of the By-Laws have to be done by an appointed committee.

Elisa went on to say that each committee should have a flash drive of their procedures to be passed to the next chair. Christina Erickson said there was not a CD in the women's walk box.

Dave Greenway presented the Board Representative Report for Suncoast Emmaus Walk #79. (See attached.)

In the absence of Mary Myers, Elisa presented the Board Representative Report for Suncoast Emmaus Walk #80.

Moved by Elisa and seconded by Dave Greenwood that the Lay Directors for Walks #79 and #80 submit written reports on the walk to the respective Board Representative and that the reports be annexed to the Board Representative reports. **Motion passed.**

Elisa suggested that before the next walks guidelines be prepared for the Board Representatives, Outside Coordinators and Lay Directors outlining their duties and how reports are to be written.

Leo Masucci stated that the part-time pal be used for the last walk was helpful and suggested part time pals should be considered for future walks, especially for registration and closing. He also said that it should be stressed to sponsors that registration is at 7:00 P.M. and not before.

It was questioned why the schedules can't be the same for the men's and woman's walks.

Gene-Louise pointed out that we have to abide with Christian Retreat's schedule. It was also suggested that a schedule be prepared for the community for Candle Light. Also, that the Outside Coordinator communicate with Oscar to keep the program moving. Another issue brought up is that the chairs should not be moved during the closing.

Brian suggested that the Board dissect the walk from beginning to end and designate who is responsible for what.

John Browner questioned what is going on in the community and said that communication with the community is lacking.

Elisa said she has the contract from Christian Retreat for the next walks for execution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Spiritual Director, Frank Sturgell, administered communion, closed with prayer requests and singing of "Bind Us Together".

Respectfully submitted by,

Marilyn McMann
For Warren Wasson, Secretary