

Suncoast Walk to Emmaus, February Board Minutes, Feb. 15, 2016

Chairwoman Elisa Niles called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. She read a devotion (Job 38:1) from the purple Emmaus worship book, "Whom Do You Trust?", and closed with prayer. She led the singing of "There's Something About That Name."

Members present were Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Frank Sturgell, Bonnie Cary, David Greenwood, Donna Greenwood, Oscar Kueker, Cathy Pecht, Rick Pecht, George Strawn, Wilma Waltz, Cindy Thayer, Gene-Louise Fisher, Paul Smith, Traci Thompson, and Warren Wasson.

Guests present were John Brower, Terry Cary, and Jim Foss.

The minutes were read and corrected...Cathy Pecht is the Registrar, not Geo Strawn. Elisa's name was corrected to be spelled correctly on p.2.

Question was raised about the post walk gathering. Greenwoods will check to see if it can be held at Christ United Methodist, Venice. John Brower, a member at Christ will also inquire.

Motion by Oscar Keuker and seconded by David Greenwood to approve minutes as corrected.

Elisa sought clarification on discussion of information sent out by Rick regarding complaints about Christian Retreat. All future information to be disseminated to the community to be reviewed and approved by the Board.

Bonnie gave the treasurers report (attached). Frank Sturgell moved to accept, seconded by Paul Smith, approved.

Cindy Thayer shared some ideas about fund raising. She made a motion that we create a pledge drive to get members to make a monthly contribution to Suncoast Emmaus, seconded by Cathy Pecht. Discussion followed; committee to present further information to March Board meeting.

Prayer clock: Wilma Waltz reported that she would have sheets for sign up at the gathering Saturday and Elmwood Park Baptist, Bradenton on Saturday.

Up-date on Catholic Retreat: Rick Pecht e-mailed Denise at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She sent back the cost figures data attached. To hold the dates requested for 2017, we would have to pay reservation deposit by March 9th. Motion, Rick Pecht, seconded by Gene-Louise Fisher that we no longer consider Our Lady of Perpetual Help for future week-end walk sites, due to cost. Motion passed. Discussion followed about the possibility of having walks in a church. To be discussed further.

The question of liability insurance for pastors on the week-end walks was considered. The cost would be \$350.00 per year for all pastors working as Spiritual Advisors. Bonnie made a motion to pay it, Dave Greenwood seconded. Motion passed.

Elisa reminded us that we are one board member short. Secretary Wasson to check with Rosa Miller, who counted ballots, and see who was candidate with next most votes. Elisa will then contact that person to see if they will serve.

The Upper Room Covenant form was sent around for the board members to sign.

Brian Erickson reported on Chrysallis. He is the Flight Director for the next boys walk, the last week-end of February at Camp Rotary in Brandon. He requested more community support for Chrysallis.

Team Selection : Paul Smith hasn't received all the information he needs, but hopes to have it soon.

Education: Gene-Louise Fisher illustrated our organization by posting cut out duck figures on the wall to illustrate how we should have new and old officers meet to transfer information and have an orderly transition each year. She moved there be a meeting of herself, Bonnie, Paul, and Mike Shahan to expedite this. Seconded by Warren Wasson, Passed.

Discussion of daily devotion in pilgrim packets. Rather than "The Upper Room" mentioned in the "Fourth Day" talk, another is used, which is not as date specific.

Dave Greenwood reported that our web-site needs to be brought up to date.

Elisa adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Spiritual Director Frank Sturgell led in communion, we shared prayer concerns, sang "Bind Us Together" and left.

Respectfully submitted;

R. Warren Wasson, Secretary

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