

Suncoast Emmaus, Board Minutes
October 17, 2016

Members present: Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Bonnie Cary, Donna Greenwood, David Greenwood, Kathy Pecht, Rick Pecht, George Strawn, Wilma Waltz, Cindy Thayer, Gene-Louise Fisher, Paul Smith, Oscar Keuker, Frank Sturgell, Marilyn Sturgell.

Absent: Warren Wasson, Traci Thompson

Visitors: Jim Foss and John Brower

At 6:35 P.M. Chair Person Elisa Niles called the meeting to order. The candle was lit. George Strawn gave the devotion and Elisa Niles led the singing.

The minutes were read and several corrections were made. Motion to accept by Dave Greenwood, seconded by Rick Pecht, and passed.

Treasurer Report- Bonnie Cary. Bonnie Cary advised the CCL License was paid in June. Rick moved acceptance of Treasurer's report, Cathy seconded and passed.

There will be \$150 budgeted for each walk for Saturday night party.

There will be \$250 budget for drinks and snacks

Music Report– Traci Thompson – not present

Registration Report - Kathy Pecht. Kathy reported for the Men's walk 16 pilgrims and for the women's walk 23 pilgrims. 1 woman dropped off due to death in the family. Kathy passed out updated prayer lists. Kathy also reported there are 7 couples coming from 1 church.

Facilities / Supply (Quartermaster) Report– George Strawn. George reported the Chrysalis banners were returned. George also reported he purchased 3-8X10 blue tarps to be used for talk room dividers.

Agape Report – Wilma Waltz Wilma reported the prayer clock would be there on Thursday evening. She has not received any agape letters. Discussion followed about the agape letters from our community to other communities and vice versa. It was agreed that we need to be much more intentional and proactive. You can sign up for the prayer clock on-line and is very easy to do. Elisa Niles also expressed concerns about the prayer clock and says we need to improve.

Rick Pecht suggested when you sign up for the prayer clock, go ahead and sign up on other communities' prayer clock for the same times if possible.

Education Report - Gene-Louise Fisher. Gene Louise asked if we want to move forward with the face to face option to reach people that want to go on the walk but cannot due to disabilities. The Upper Room website has documentation that we can see but will we will address this issue in the future when we have grown larger as a community.

Housing Report – Dave Greenwood

Gathering Report – Donna Greenwood

Donna reported that the theme for the November gathering will be Thanksgiving Saturday 11/19/16 @ Venice UMC. Tom Jensvold, Larry Dobson and Dino, Sean will be providing the music for the gathering.

The lobby will be used for registration, 1-key for OC and 1-key for ALD. Send off will be in the Youth Center. The old chapel will be the new talk room. The old talk room will be the new chapel. Candlelight will be held the hotel lobby as usual. Drinks and refreshments will be on hand for send-off, candlelight and closing.

Community Activities Report – Oscar Keuker

Oscar reports that Lisa Adams will be filling in for him during the men’s walk. She will assume all responsibilities of the CAR.

Team Selection Report – Paul Smith

Paul made a suggestion that the Team Selection Chair should have at least one walk experience. The database is in pretty bad shape and is not being updated. People are not filling out the forms.

Communication Report – Cindy Thayer

Cindy reports that she has received pledges of about \$500.00. Pledge forms will be sent out to the community via an e-blast.

Reunion Groups / Follow-up Report Cindy Thayer

Cindy updated the newsletter with all the reunion groups. She will also send a condensed version to Elisa for review. This condensed version will go into the pilgrim’s packet.

Voting took place for the Lay Directors for the Fall walks

Candidates for upcoming board vacancies:

Lisa Adams
Sue Benson Klinger
John Brower
Tami Scarlet
Allan Rowley
Dave Edington

It was suggested that after the woman’s walk we talk to Kelly to adjust the next walk’s schedule to minimize other groups that might be coming to the Christian Center. We will discuss future walks at the November 21, 2016 board meeting.

At 8:20 Elisa turned the meeting over to Rev. Frank Sturgell who served communion, followed by sharing prayer concerns and praise reports, and singing “Bind us together.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Greenwood