

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK

BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vic Berger, Pam Hunt, Marilyn Sturgell, Rev. Don Roser, Margarete Roser, Leo Masucci, George Strawn, Lisa Adams, Rich Sidley, Sue Bensen-Klinger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Patrick, Gary Doss, Charlotte Ward, Vicki Braden

VISITOR: Terry Hickman

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and the prayer to the Holy Spirit was led by Assistant Community Director, Pam Hunt. Community Director, Vic Berger, lit the Holy Spirit candle.

Pam Hunt gave a devotion on Demanding Schedules.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by George Strawn that the October minutes be approved with correction and placed on file. Motion carried.

Rich Sidley read Peter Patrick's report and presented the list of Emmaus Reunion Groups that Peter had prepared. Peter stated in his report that he will be at the November Gathering.

Terry Hickman, Walk No. 93 Weekend Lay Director asked to address the Board. He would like the Board to consider adding Media Leader as another position to handle the microphones, overheads, amplifiers, power points, etc. and he suggested Dean Rice. He is proficient with electronics and technical things.

Leo Masucci said that Dean would help without creating a position. He said he didn't think that a position needed to be added at this time.

Rev. Don said that the Upper Room has visuals for talks, but we are not using visuals to support the talks.

A motion was made by Margarete Roser and supported by Sue Bensen-Klinger that a Media position be added to the Team Members and the position used at the prerogative of the Lay Director. Motion carried with 7 yes – 3 no.

Director Vic asked Terry to keep some people in mind to do it.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by Pam Hunt that the Team Selection recommendations for Walks 93 and 94 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Lisa Adams said that Paul Smith will not accept so he should be taken off the list. Walter Hunt has to work on Saturdays, so he should be taken off the list for now and Rick Adams cannot do Outside Coordinator.

Gary Doss sent a message giving his Gathering and Housing report. The January Gathering will be the Spaghetti Dinner at Grace Church in Venice. He reported that DaySpring is asking for a signed contract and deposit for the next Walks.

Director Vic asked what we are going to do about a Treasurer. After some discussion it was decided that he will get the Treasurer's materials back from Vicki and a committee composed of Rich Sidley, Leo Masucci and Rev. Don Roser will evaluate the books.

A motion was made by Margarete Roser and supported by Rich Sidley that we pay Grace Sarasota \$750.00 for the use of their church for Board Meetings, Gatherings and Team Meetings. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION - Margarete Roser reported that the committee reviewed the latest updates of the Weekend Schedules which includes the tweaks suggested from the OCs from the last two walks. Specifically, clarification of the timing of Chapel Pal activities, praying in and out of speakers on Sunday, the prayers before and after meals outside of the dining hall, etc. were among the things adjusted. They also reconciled the differences in the timing of the 3 Day Schedule and our Weekend Schedule on Sunday.

They prepared and reviewed a schedule for use of the Main Chapel that can be given to the Camp and used by the team members as needed. And they have also included the Dining Hall Schedule that will be given to the Camp as the definitive measure for SunCoast requirements.

Motion by Margarete Roser and supported by Rich Sidley that the Main Chapel Schedule be used now and for all future Walks. (It matches the times in the 3 Day Schedule.) and that the Dining Hall Schedule be accepted and given to DaySpring. Motion carried.

The Committee is recommending that the white binders given out at the first team meeting be updated with the latest version of the team manual (approximately 50+ needed). As a cost saving measure, they are suggesting that the folders that the LDs normally make up for every team member be discontinued and that the information that is contained in these folders be included in the white binders. This way the LD will not be required to make repetitive copies of the information that the Board could make and include in the manuals. If there are changes that need to be made, they can be done centrally and done once. They are requesting approval for these changes.

Another recommendation made by the Education Committee is the use of steno pads for the pilgrims, rather than providing them with folders and loose paper. The

Committee believes that members in the Community might be willing to purchase and donate cases of steno pads. The pads could be decorated with a blank sticker (pilgrim's name and table) and other colorful stickers.

The Committee is also proposing the use of brown lunch bags for holding the 12 pilgrim's letters, rather than an envelope. Brown bags can be bought in bulk and are inexpensive and easily decorated. This will reduce the number of envelopes we are using every walk. We are recommending that team members receive only one envelope.

Motion by Margaret Roser and supported by Lisa Adams that the above three Education Committee recommendation be approved as presented. Motion carried

Margarete went on to say that as a Board, it is our job to be fiscally responsible with the Community's funds and these are the ways the Education Committee feels will reduce our expenses. They also reviewed the LD boxes and thumb drives to be more efficient and organized.

Motion by Margarete Roser and supported by Lisa Adams that the Reunion Groups be approached about providing food agape for each Walk and use Perfect Potlucks to sign up for food agape to encourage the various fourth dayers to sign up for snacks and drinks and that this be written up on the website and in the newsletter. Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS – Rich Sidley reported that we don't need to ask for plates, etc. If anything changes, let him know. He will start sending out notices for pilgrims for Walks No. 93 and 94. Rich said that we have 1,108 contacts in the Mailchimp database and 389 of them are recipients of emails. We are averaging about 45% open rate on emails – great for a mass marketing campaign, not as good as it should be for people who signed up for and want to be part of this Community. The highest open rate was almost 60% for the one on Pumpkin Christians.

He is having to send multiple emails for each topic...maybe half the people open the first one and the other half open the second?;-) Still, it seems like the Community is hard to stir to action.

Our potluck signup is ...well...sparse. We have no appetizers (so come hungry already), one main dish of ham, three simple side dishes, no bread, one desert (brownies-yummm), two sets of beverages, no paper products, and one set of utensils. I just sent out another email...

I want to get out another newsletter; however, I only received one article, from Peter – thank you! So, no newsletter.

TEAM SELECTION - Leo Masucci presented the Team Selection Committee Guidelines and why recommendations were made, as follows:

Team Selection Committee Guidelines

The Team Selection Chair is responsible for forming a selection committee of Chairperson, Community Spiritual Director and four to six community members who are not on the board.

The team should meet as soon as possible after the last walk.

The Chairperson will supply each team member a list of people from the community who are eligible to work a walk, pass walk positions and any talks that they have given.

At the meeting we start with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and we allow Him to guide us in selecting the people that God wants us to select at this time for His walk. We know that the original list will have changes and we allow God to lead us in selecting new names as the preparation for the walks take place.

When we make our selection, we also need to be putting people into positions that will help their growth in the Emmaus community. The team should always be looking to build future teams.

During the training for the walks the chairperson is to keep in touch with the Weekend Lay Directors to offer help in finding people for open positions during the training period.

Recommending a selection team of men for the men's walk. They will have the best knowledge of who works well on the walks.

Recommending a selection team of women for the women's walk. They will have the best knowledge of who works well on the walks.

Team Selection is structured as;

1. Board chairperson for Team Selection
2. Community Spiritual Leader
3. Weekend Lay Director
4. Weekend Spiritual Leader

The above four are required by the Emmaus Upper Room.

Community members;

5. Past Weekend Lay Director; this person has valuable information on how team members worked together and how the pilgrims responded to the walk.
6. Past Outside Coordinator; this person has valuable information on how the Pals worked together and their understanding of the Emmaus program.
7. Community person with past Emmaus walk experience.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Rev. Don Roser reported the following:

ACTIONS:

Updating part of the Upper Room Clergy Training that will be provided by the CSD to Walks 93/94 Clergy.

Making updates to merge the Conference Room Prayer Chapel into the Chapel PAL Binder.

Making updates to merge the Speaker Prayer Chapel updates into the Chapel Binder.

Making updates to merge write-ups for the Pilgrim Chapel Devotions and Community Services into the Weekend Event Documents.

TO DO:

Continuing work on praying/planning for clergy teams for Walk 93 (awaiting one response, one open) and 94 (one open)

Continuing work on the Upper Room Clergy Training that is provided by the CSD.

COMPLETED

Walk 93 and 94 WSDs in place

Don is recommending that the Chapel Pal supply the bread and grape juice for all walks and that the Spiritual Director bring the chalice to the Closing.

QUARTERMASTER - George Strawn reported that he does not need a lot for the next Walks.

REGISTRAR - Lisa Adams reported that she has two Pilgrims signed up. She is going through the data base and updating it. She is making a list of moved, death, inactive. The system has active, inactive or death categories.

MUSIC - Pam Hunt reported that she will bring the music books to the Gathering.

Director Vic reported that he has 2 nominations – Cindy Thayer and Monica Welch.

Motion by Pam Hunt and supported by Lisa Adams that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM and Pastor Don closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2019

DEVOTIONS – LISA ADAMS

“.....For the JOY of the Lord is your (our) strength.” Nehemiah 8:10