

SunCoast Emmaus Board Minutes – November 20, 2017

In attendance: Bonnie Cary, Tami Scarlett, Trina Robinson, Sue Klinger, George Strawn, Dr. Bob O’Keef, Lisa Edington, Elisa Niles and Brian Erickson

Absent: David Greenwood, Donna Greenwood, John Brower, Warren Wasson, Marilyn Sturgell

Guests: Mel Robinson and Vic Berger

**** NO QUORUM ****

Elisa called the meeting to order at 6:48pm

Bonnie Cary provided the devotion

Prayer to the Holy Spirit by the group

October Meeting Minutes

No one had received the minutes from October by the start of the meeting. Elisa texted Marilyn and asked her to resend them. Since no quorum, will review and approve at December board meeting.

Opportunity for Testimonies

Praises that we ran out of tables and chairs again at the monthly gathering

Praises for wonderful concerts – Chris Tomlin and Kari Jobe – and the movement of the Holy Spirit thru these events

Committee Reports

- Housing – no report
- Music – no report
- Agape – Sue suggests that the Agape committee needs a printer to produce the walk books and print wall agape. Sue is willing to donate her printer. Per Bonnie, Alan Rowley has a laser printer he is willing to give us a good deal on. Bonnie will contact him for a price.
- Quartermaster – Women’s team walk manuals #8 and #26 are still MIA. Men’s walk still has 8 books missing, which includes the one issued to Jim Foss last spring. Lisa will send email to team members asking them to check for books. No post-walk inventory has been taken yet.
- Communications – lots of ballots submitted online; some submitted at the gathering. A few spaghetti dinner tickets have been sold so far. Lisa verified that Crosby Lane is confirmed for performance; housing may be taken care of as they have asked to stay with Judi Windle (Emmaus member from FUMC Palmetto again). Lisa will check with Judi to see if she can accommodate.
- Registration – no activity
- Treasurer – Needs request signed to setup online account. Bonnie has lots of very old records that should really be shredded rather than passing them on to another treasurer. Asked the board’s permission to review all documents thoroughly and then shred if applicable. Board members in attendance agreed that was a prudent thing to do. Balance in the UMF account is \$5,708.31. Treasurer’s report was presented but no quorum to approve; will need to be approved at December meeting.
- Team Selection – Spring LDs are Pam Hunt and Jim Foubister. Will be setting up team selection dates after the Thanksgiving holiday so they can start calling for team members. Elisa signed the DaySpring contract for 2018; Bonnie will forward with deposits ASAP.

Other Business

Agape committee chair Sue Klinger was advised that the board voted last month to provide rainbow-colored lanyards for the weekend crosses going forward. Upper Room is no longer providing chains and we have gone thru our inventory on hand. Whether we simply provide rainbow-colored cord, or an actual braided or crocheted lanyard doesn't matter. Sue will coordinate getting the proper materials.

Quartermaster was asked to order 24 new sets of the 3-Day Weekend Schedules so that the manuals for both the men's and women's walks can be updated and standardized. This would be for WLD, ALDs, MD, AMD, BR, OC, AOC, WSD, ASDs. Lisa, Pam and Christina are planning to go thru all the team manuals to updated and standardize before the next set of walks. Lisa will assess needs and give George the final order for the rest of the team manuals (babe chick and mens books.)

CLD Elisa Niles reported that she received a voice mail from the Tampa Bay Area Emmaus CLD. She is interested in partnering with us to get pilgrims to the walks. Elisa will return her call to find out more and schedule a meeting between the 2 Community Lay Directors and the 2 Community Spiritual Directors for an initial conversation. Ideas:

- Can we work together to make the walks more efficient?
- Could we do one large gathering per year to bring together the SunCoast, Tampa Bay and Gulf Coast communities?
- Is TBAE experiencing scheduling / pricing issues with Rotary Camp Florida?
- Heart of SunCoast Chrysalis has no dates available to them for 2018 at Camp Florida. Looking for other options.

Board Rep Report for Women's Walk #84 was presented by Lisa Edington. Brian also provided a report from Christina as Outside Coordinator. Overarching theme was that more training for registration, LDs, and all team members is needed. Additionally, with the new facilities at DaySpring we need to run thru the technology parts in detail before the kickoff – primarily the DVD showing in the talk room – so that the teams fully understand how to run the video and audio components. Need either current laptop to run the video or decide pre-walk to use the DVD on premises to run it. Suggestion was made to create a new assignment/position – Technology Lead – for the back table. Under consideration and discussion.

Meal Schedules - Christina also reported that if we can ensure the men and women's meal schedules match, it would make it easier for DaySpring to work with us and provide meals at the time we need them, rather than them telling us when we can be fit in. This would allow us to run closer to the times published in the 3-Day Weekend Schedule, other than Saturday lunch. *[Saturday lunch has been pushed back to allow ample time for Dying Moments in the event we have 'larger' groups on a weekend. When the women's weekend had 36 pilgrims, it was physically impossible to run thru Dying Moments in the time allotted and make it to lunch on time. We must be able to maintain the meal times for the schedule at DaySpring Dining Hall to work and not impose on other groups' eating times.]*

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser schedule was discussed and suggested as follows:

- 4:30-5:30pm: Auction and Bake Sale bidding
- 5:30-6:00pm: Emmaus business (devotions, Prayer to the Holy Spirit, announcements, introduction of new board members, offering, etc.)
- 6:00-6:45pm: Dinner service
- 6:45pm-7:30pm: Scheduled entertainment and Love Offering
- 7:30pm: Auction winners announced
- 7:45: Cleanup and reassembly of space for church service

Reason for schedule change is that easily 50% of attendees last year left immediately following the dinner since we stopped in the middle to break down tables and reset into the church service layout. This really disrupted the event and caused us to lose half of our audience. We would like to avoid that this year.

Announcement of new board members was made by Elisa. The **Class of 2018** includes:

- Lisa Adams
- Vic Berger
- Pam Hunt
- Patti Nemaize
- Karen Post

Additionally, positions vacated early will be filled by George Strawn, Mel Robinson and Charlotte Ward. Since Mel and Vic attended the meeting, Elisa asked them if they were willing to accept and fulfill the duties as a board member. Both accepted the offer and were warmly welcomed. Vic Berger is a bank branch manager and was recruited by Bonnie Cary to carry on the responsibilities of the Treasurer's position. All new board members will be invited to attend the December board meeting.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11 @ 6:30pm. Has been moved to 2nd week of December due to the Christmas holidays. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Lisa Edington will not be in attendance as she will be in North Carolina. She will attempt to Skype in, schedule permitting.

Elisa adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Dr. Bob O'Keef led us in a reaffirmation of our baptism and we shared corporately what we were thankful for during this season of Thanksgiving.

We closed in song and departed with happy hearts to serve as the hands and feet of Christ until we meet again.

Minutes taken and submitted on behalf of Marilyn Sturgell who was out sick.

In Christ's Service,

Lisa Edington
Team Selection Chair

11.28.17