

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Dr. Bob O'Keef, Marilyn Sturgell, Bonnie Cary, Warren Wasson, Trina Robinson, Lisa Edington, Donna Greenwood, David Greenwood, Tami Scarlett, George Strawn, John Brower

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Bensen-Klinger

VISITORS: Bill Dooley, Dave Edington, Terry Hickman, Mel Robinson, Renee Tucker

President Niles lit the Christ candle and opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:34 P.M. Trina Robinson gave the devotion "What Life Are You Waiting For?" and Warren Wasson led us in "His Name is Wonderful". We shared our closest moments to God and our furthest moments from God.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Dr. Bob and seconded by Warren that the minutes be approved as presented. motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Niles reported that she has some Agape left over from the walk.

HOUSING AND GATHERINGS: Donna Greenwood reported that the Post-Walk Gathering will be held at First United Methodist Church-Palmetto on October 21, 2017 with the new Fourth-Day men and women meeting at 4:00 P.M. and the Gathering at 5:00 P.M.

The November Gathering will be at Grace UMC-Sarasota-Vamo (Vamo is on the West side of 41); December there will not be a Gathering; January 20, 2018 at 4:00 Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction at Grace UMC-Venice; February 17 - Bond Fire at Elwood Baptist Church; March 17 - Roser Community Church - Anna Marie Island; Men's Walk - April 12-15 and Women's Walk - April 19-22 with both being held at DaySpring and the Post Walk on April 28th; May 19 - Trinity UMC - Sarasota; June 16 - Ellenton UMC; July 21 - Arcadia UMC; August 18- Englewood UMC; Men's Walk - September 27-30 and Women's Walk October 11-14 with both being held at DaySpring. Brian suggested keeping track of Gathering locations for attendance numbers to determine the locations that have the highest numbers of Community members attending.

REGISTRAR: Tami Scarlett reported that all money for both Walks was collected. There were several Team Members for the Women's Walk that asked for scholarships.

MUSIC - Warren Wasson said that we keep making a joyful noise. Lisa reported that the group for the Spaghetti Dinner was confirmed, but we need housing and money for meals for them and that she has arranged for dinner music.

Brian Erickson questioned if we had music for the Post Walk gathering. Dr Bob thought Phyllis would be available. Warren said he would call and confirm.

QUARTERMASTER: George Strawn reported that the after-walks inventory is not yet done, but the crosses for Pilgrims are all gone and we are getting short on the purple books. Some team members have the old books. The Upper Room is no longer furnishing chains for the crosses. The crosses without chains are \$3.50 each. Elisa suggested having them on the table to sell for fund raising.

A motion was made by Marilyn Sturgell and seconded by Warren Wasson that we order crosses without chains from Upper Room and that the Board will make rainbow chains for them. The motion carried with 13 yeas and 1 nay.

AGAPE: David Greenwood felt a budget for ink and paper for the Walk Books needed to be established. It was pointed out that there is a budgeted item of \$200.00 for them.

COMMUNICATIONS: Trina Robinson presented tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner for approval. She needs to add to the tickets that the Silent Auction is 4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M., Music from 5:00-5:30, dinner served at 5:00 and entertainment after dinner. Trina has set-up the ability to sign up for the dinner on line and she has set up the Pilgrim Application on line. She asked that articles for the November/December Newsletter be sent to her as soon as possible. Elisa suggested asking a man and a woman for an article for the newsletter sharing their walk experiences and how their Fourth Days are going.

A motion was made by John Brower and second by Elisa Niles that the names of the Pilgrims along with their churches be listed in the Newsletter after Walks. Motion Carried.

TEAM SELECTION: Lisa Edington reported that she is ready to set a date for team selections for Walks 85 and 86, but needs a Men's Lay Director. Once she knows this, she can set a date for this. Lisa announced that she will be moving to Raleigh, NC in the near future, but will act on the Board until then. She said that she can continue on the Board after the move through Skype and texting.

Brian Erickson felt the Board should look at the names for who is eligible for the Lay Director position, but they should have served as Assistant Lay Director two times and then get some that have worked one time to serve on the next walk. Elise gave a list of names that Lisa had pulled.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bonnie Cary reported that all bills have been paid and we have a balance of \$13,703.18. Since the last Board meeting we covered the costs of \$17,707.98 for both walks and there was a deposit of a donation of \$1,000.00. We also received a \$250 gift from the mobile home park where Rick and Kathy Pecht live for Agape for the walks. Motion by Tami Scarlett and seconded by Warren Wasson that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

Motion by Lisa Edington and seconded by Tami Scarlett that a donation button be added Suncoast Emmaus Walk web page to go directly to Pay Pal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Warren Wasson and seconded by Lisa Edington that the Board give authorization to Treasurer, Bonnie Cary, for on-line access to the Suncoast Walk to Emmaus Checking Account. Motion carried.

President Niles reported that we have 6 names on the ballot for Board Members for three-year terms and the ballot will be presented at the Gathering. Trina will also send an email ballot to the community.

Dave Edington and Brian Erickson gave reports for Walk No. 83.

Dr. Bob suggested that a Pal who is tech savvy serve at the Table of Love for future walks.

Bill Dooley suggested that there be cut-off dates for payments for future walks.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary