

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK

BOARD MINUTES October 8, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vicki Braden

VISITOR: Renee Tucker

Community Director, Vic Berger, called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM and lit the Holy Spirit candle.

The devotion was given by Leo Masucci and we sang "One Day At A Time." Leo said this hymn brings peace to him because it is a hymn of promise – Gods promise that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Motion by Peter Patrick and supported by Leo Masucci that the September minutes be approved as presented and placed on file. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on setting a time limit for responding to requests for votes by email. A motion by Rich Sidley and supported by Peter Patrick that all responses to emails requiring voting be within 48 hours of receiving the request. Motion carried

Discussion was held regarding Board members missing three consecutive board meetings, as covered in the By-Laws under Attendance – Article 6, Section 4 – Meeting Attendance – December 12, 2016. After much discussion it was decided that if a members misses three consecutive meetings, depending on the circumstances, it will be the decision of the Suncoast Emmaus Board to send a Letter of Termination to the Board Member who is in violation of the designated By-Law.

The consensus of the Board was that the Treasurer Report submitted at this meeting was not adequate. Rev. Don will produce a list of what we need included in the report for Vicki.

Community Director Vic posed the question of why we can't offer sponsorships for golf carts or meals to the Community to see what we get. It was decided that we submit ideas on this issue before the next meeting. Vic will send Dayspring's breakout of costs for these items.

Marilyn Sturgell gave the Board Representative Report for the Women's Walk 92 and Gary Doss gave the Board Representative Report for the Men's Walk 91 and both reports are placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION - Margarete Roser reported: The Education Committee met 10/10/19 at Elwood Baptist Church. In attendance were Cindy Thayer, Pam Hunt, Jamie White, Don Roser and Margarete Roser. Mike Shehan and Caron Rivera have resigned from the committee due to other obligations.

As Cindy and Jamie were the OCs on the past two walks, we discussed the Weekend schedule in detail. Cindy had solicited feedback from her PALS to get additional suggestions for improvements in the schedule. This was very helpful. We identified a few holes that needed to be filled in the schedule (we omitted the hanging of the banners from the PALS duties). The Chapel PALS pointed out a couple of places where it was difficult to be serving in cafeteria, eating and be in chapel at same time etc. These are minor things we can tweak in the schedule. We also discussed the printing costs associated with providing the numerous copies of the Schedule necessary for the PALS, LD, ALDs, Board Rep and Spiritual Director. Normally this is done by the OCs and should be reimbursed.

One Agape Pal made a very helpful suggestion regarding us providing pre-printed labels for the Pilgrim's envelopes for the letters and booklet. We discussed whether 3 envelopes were necessary or whether 2 would be enough. It is our opinion that the overflow letters could be placed in the envelope with the agape booklet. The Agape PALS would still print the envelopes for the team and could use one envelope. The printing could be done by the Registrar when making the nametags.

We addressed the confusion regarding the agape. This seems to have come from only one PAL. The instructions given to the PALS ahead of time very clearly states that if there is enough agape for the table families, it should be distributed. This is a matter of training and will be addressed in the future. Another sponsor training issue is that many of the pilgrim letters only had a first name. With seven pilgrims named Barbara, some letters did not get delivered.

We discussed whether we should be consistent in the use of two choices of Talk Signs (printed or burlap) and agreed it should be left to the Lay Director.

We have been requested by Jackie at the Camp that in the future ALL **Before Meal Prayers** and **After Meal Prayers** be done outside of the cafeteria. There has evidently been a complaint so we can pray before we enter the cafeteria and when we return to the conference room.

Also, we discussed whether to have the Reunion Groups provide the Food and Drink agape for our weekends. According to the Agape instructions on the thumb drive, the Agape Committee is responsible for purchasing all food and drink agape. This has not been our practice. We may be able to approach different Reunion groups for specific needs for different walks and ask for their assistance. The team is already paying their way for the weekend. We need to formalize this process and encourage more participation from the community in the Walks.

We have received the materials from the recent LDS and have started reviewing them for the purpose of updating them. Hope to get this done as quickly as possible.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by Marilyn Sturgell that the Education Committee come up with a sheet for all team members to critique walks and return them to the Education Committee to show where training and education is needed. Motion carried.

TEAM SELECTION - Leo Masucci will prepare a list of proposed members from the Team Selection Committee for the Board to vote on at the November meeting.

The cutoff dates for Pilgrims for the next walks are February 16, 2020 for Men's Walk No. 93 and February 29, 2020 for the Women's Walk No. 94..

HOUSING AND GATHERINGS - Gary Doss reported that the Gathering is Saturday the 19th and will be held at Grace-Sarasota Campus. Their Praise Band will be doing the program.

CHRYSALIS – Charlotte Ward presented a report on the Chrysalis activities. There were 10-11 girls on last flight.

The importance of Reunion Groups was discussed and Director Vic stressed that Reunion Groups are the strength of the Community.

REGISTRAR - Lisa Adams said there is a problem with the rosters. The problem with errors for the listings of the Pilgrims is that she cannot read some of the applications. She sends a letter to Pilgrims and asks for corrections if information is not correct. Regarding the team information, for both the Men's and Women's, the ALD needs to have corrections made at the Team Meetings to keep the rosters updated and the Board Representative bring the roster back to the Registrar. She also needs a list of bunk assignments for Registration at Send-Off. She will make up a procedure list of what the Registrar needs.

AGAPE - Sue Bensen-Klinger said that there should be guidelines drawn up as to what needs to be done with the unused Agape. Ideally, it should go back to where it came from. Margarete will work with Sue on Agape guidelines. The Walk books are an effort between Rich, Lisa and herself and it is confusing so they need to have a discussion on this.

COMMUNICATIONS - Rich Sidley reported there will be another newsletter after the Gathering. He asked that if anyone finds changes that need to be made to the Community Website, let him know.

Rich stressed that we are going to have to get across to the Community and Reunion Groups that working a walk is not for having a good time. Everyone is there to serve and they should be humble when serving. It is not about them, but doing for others.

Leo suggested an article in the Newsletter outlining the process for preparing an article. Also, that Rich put out the Newsletter to the Board before sending it out to the Community.

REUNION GROUPS - Peter Patrick reported that Leo and Joan Masucci and he went to Manatee UMC and served. He suggested that the Board consider a trailer with an awning to take to different events.

Director Vic will take care of purchasing the 3-Day Schedule and the position specifics for the next 2 Walks.

QUARTERMASTER - George Strawn reported that supplies did not get put back in appropriate bins and other than that, there were no problems.

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Rev. Don said that we need to pray about doing more structured training while Pals are at DaySpring for training. He submitted the following report of activities:

ACTIONS:

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

Making updates to the document for the Conference Room Prayer Chapel.

Making updates to the document for the Speaker Prayer Chapel setup in the Leaders' Bunkhouse.

Making updates on the write-up for the Pilgrim Chapel Devotions and Community Services.

TO DO:

Making contacts for WSDs for Clergy Teams for Walks 93 and 94

Praying/Planning for clergy teams for Walks 93 and 94.

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

COMPLETED:

Completed the write-up to document the usage of the large storage closet in Conference Room as a prayer area for pilgrims.

Completed the write-up to document the Speaker Prayer Chapel setup in the Leaders' Bunkhouse.

Completed a worship table for the Speaker Prayer Chapel (Property of Community).

Completed a worship storage box of items for the Speaker Prayer Chapel and Conference Room Chapel (property of Community).

Donated communion set for use during the Walks to Community. (Prior set will be boxed/stored in trailer.)

ISD will be updating the talk intro in the 3 Day Schedule (PDF) to reflect Candle/Bible again.

Motion by Pam Hunt and supported by Margarete Roser that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM. Motion carried.

Rev. Don closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 11, 2019 AT 6:30 PM

DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 11TH MEETING – CHARLOTTE WARD

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