

**SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**MARCH 11, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Victor Berger, Pam Hunt, Marilyn Sturgell, Karen Post, Charlotte Ward, Peter Patrick, Gary Doss, Sue Bensen-Klinger, George Strawn, Lisa Adams, Mary Lynne Jewell, Tami Scarlett, Brian Erickson, Dr. Bob O'Keefe, Leo Masucci

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tami Scarlett

**VISITORS:** Rich Sidley, Cindy Sidley, Rev. Don Roser, Margarete Roser

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Victor Berger, called the meeting to order at at 6:15 PM, lit the Holy Spirit candle and led the Board in the prayer to the Holy Spirit. He then informed the Board that Leo Masucci had volunteered to fill the 3-year term vacancy on the Board.

Motion by Victor Berger and seconded by Pam Hunt that Leo Masucci be appointed to fill the three year term vacancy on the SunCoast Emmaus Walk Board of Directors.  
Motion Carried

Vic Berger appointed Leo Masucci to the Team Selection position and Lisa Adams to the Registrar position.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by George Strawn that the February minutes be approved and placed on file. Motion Carried.

Director Vic introduced the visitors and complimented Rich Sidley, the Men's Walk No. 89 Lay Director and Cindy Sidley, the Women's Walk No. 90 Lay Director on the fantastic job each are doing on training at the Team Meetings. He wants to talk to DaySpring about the schedule. He thinks DaySpring is giving us set times for meals, thus giving the Pals time to eat together, not only for these walks, but for all future walks.

Rich Sidley - Jackie is retiring in 2 years and he thinks it is best for her replacement and us to get this set in stone. These are our walks and meal times should be put in the schedule first and then schedule around these times. The meal times are 45 minutes. This will give the Pals 30 minutes to eat and 15 minutes for personal things. This should be the Board's decision and then send a letter to Jackie informing her of the times. Jackie asked that we let her know the absolute times we need the Chapel. We agreed to set up a small chapel in one of the cabins to pray speakers in and out.-  
Rich got a copy of the Pal Schedule for Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Mary Lynne,

Rev. Don Roser said that by setting up a small chapel in one of the cabins there would be less confusion when we could not use the Chapel.

Leo Masucci said that the Upper Room recommends a separate chapel for praying speakers in and out and he suggested that this chapel be set up in the cabin where the Table of Love is staying. The times we need the Chapel are for after Send-Off, Candlelight, Cross Ceremony, Dying Moments, and early morning and evening prayer times.

Motion by Lisa Adams and supported by Gary Doss that the Executive Board send Jackie a letter with the 3-day schedule, meal times and the times we need the Chapel. Motion carried.

Rich got a copy of the Pal Schedule from Mary Lynne and made changes by making separate schedules for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He took out all the colors made a column for all of the names. The names can easily be added. It is easy to read and changes can be made. He wanted the Board to know why changes had been made.

Mary Lynne said she appreciated what Rich has done and since this is the first time it will be used they will find out what works and what does not work and report findings back to the Education Committee.

**QUARTERMASTER:** George Strawn reported that he has two tarps for separating rooms and they have never been used. He is all set for the upcoming walks.

At this point we have 7 confirmed applications for men for Walk #89. Rich Sidley recommended sending out a short e-mail to the Community letting them know of the Board's consensus of going ahead with the Men's Walk even with the low number of Pilgrims and asking Community members to sponsor Pilgrims.

Peter Patrick recommended training on how to sponsor.

Dr. Bob said that right marketing is the key.

Leo Masucci commented that the new Fourth Dayers come off the walks excited and we should have training on how to get Pilgrims and give them applications to sponsor someone.

Sue Bensen-Klinger said we should look at marketing strategy. When we sent the letter Dr. Bob wrote along with an application, we got a big response.

Pam Hunt suggested talking with pastors and men's and women's groups in the churches asking them to give talks on the Emmaus Walk and sponsoring pilgrims. She also said that it is not the Board's responsibility to get pilgrims, but that table leaders, etc. should recruit someone.

Karen Post said she will always say yes to a scholarship request since there is \$1,600 in the Scholarship Fund because Reunion Groups donate to the fund.

Leo Masucci - Board should have guidelines as to how much the Board will pay and how much the pilgrim will pay.

Marilyn Sturgell said that several months ago the Board had approved the Pilgrim paying \$50 if applying for a scholarship.

Director Vic said we will go with what we have approved. If a potential pilgrim needs a scholarship, tell them they have to pay \$50 toward the cost.

Mary Lynne Jewell suggested that we ask Steve Namaize to do some sponsorship training at the Post Walk Gathering.

Pam Hunt suggested having applications for all at the Post Walk Gathering.

Dr. Bob said if having the applications in color to make them more readable, he will take care of the color printing. He mentioned that the Sponsor Form has Tami Scarlett's name on it, but should have the P.O. Box address.

Karen Post responded that after the walks, the P. O. Box will be moved closer to Lisa Adams.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Karen Post reported that she e-mailed the report as of February 28, 2019, showing an ending balance of \$9,307.05, to the Board members today at 3:00 PM.

Motion by Sue Bensen-Klinger an supporter by Pam Hunt that the Treasurer's Report e-mailed to the Boar Members today at 3:00 PM with an ending balance of \$9,307.05 be approved. This report shows the insurance paid and income of \$2,000 from the Spaghetti Dinner. Motion carried.

The devotion "Back-Up Plan" was given by Peter Patrick.

**AGAPE:** Sue Bensen-Klinger reported that she has started working on the Walks books. We went over the list of Board members to go in the books. (The Spiritual Directors slot is to be omitted.) Every day she sends our Agape Letters. She has attempted to reach Tami, her co-chair, 3 times, with no response. She will try one more time. She talked with both Agape chairs for the upcoming walks to make sure all Agape gets distributed. She questioned if we have computers for the walks. Vic has 1 and Lisa has one for the Women's Walk. Sue expressed how important Agape is. Dr. Bob suggested we have letters at Gatherings for Community members to sign, and Sue can share where other walks are. Sue will take care of that.

**EDUCATION:** Mary Lynne Jewell reported that at the February meeting they went over the schedule for Saturday training and the report from Julie Taylor and Christina about training and everyone accepting of it. Her committee recommended to the Board that at

the first Saturday training what is done at the Kick-Off should be gone over. The three Saturday training meetings should be scheduled from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Rev. Don noted that there has been no commissioning of team members at the Kick-Off and also that we are not meeting the Upper Room requirements for hours of training.

Brian Erickson responded that the minimum required hours are 23-26 hours and the Kick-Off fulfills the minimum required hours.

Karen Post thanked the Education Committee for correcting errors and requirements that have been left out.

Director Vic suggested that right after the Walks, the Education Committee put in writing recommendations of things that need to be incorporated into the walks and submit this to the Board.

Sue Bensen-Klinger suggested that the Board hold a workshop to address and make decisions on some of the issue brought up at this meeting.

**REUNION GROUPS:** Peter Patrick reported that he had visited a reunion group and it was a social group. He went through the order of the card with them. He said he is going to be visiting some more groups to see how they function. Pam Hunt suggested that Peter write an article for the newsletter outlining the Upper Room recommendations for Reunion Group meetings. Perhaps this should be addressed at a Gathering.

**GATHERING AND HOUSING:** Gary Doss reported that the next Gathering is March 16<sup>th</sup> at Trinity UMC on Shade, Sarasota at 5:00 PM and the Team Potluck will be, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at Grace – Sarasota Campus, Vamo Road.

**TEAM SELECTION:** Leo Masucci reported that to have a complete set of books, for the Men's Walks he needs books 28, 51, 55 and 83 and for the Women's he needs books 47, 56, 59, and 74. If anyone has these books, he would appreciate getting them to copy and then he will return them.

The following are the eligible men for Lay Director for Men's Walk No. 91:

C. J. Hahn	Paul Smith
Bill Graham	Ron Ward
Dick Sigler	

The eligible women for Lay Directors for Women's Walk No. 92:

Mary Meyers	Margaret Roser
Lisa Adams	

Pam Hunt asked Leo for lists of what walks and positions were held by potential Lay Directors. Make sure the list includes all inside positions and 2 Pal positions worked for each name. Leo will get these to her.

Dr. Bob proposed that he serve as Spiritual Director through May or June and Rev. Don Roser would take over the duties the second part of the year.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by Vic Berger that Dr. Bob O'Keef and Rev. Don Roser serve as SunCoast Co-Spiritual Directors for 2019, with Dr. Bob O'Keefe acting as Spiritual Director through May or June and Rev. Don Roser taking over the duties of the Spiritual Director for the balance of 2019. Motion carried.

For Walks 89 and 90, Dr. Bob will be doing the Sponsor Hour, Candlelight and Closing.

Sue Bensen-Klinger expressed that help needs to be found to assist with the Community Activities duties. A minimum of 4 people are needed. It was suggested to put out the need to Reunion Groups to see if we can get the needed help.

Brian Erickson said that parking needs to be better worked and that the parking should be closer to where the events are held.

**CHRYSALIS:** Brian Erickson reported that the Boy's flight had 8 Caterpillars from 5 different communities. The flight was amazing.

Motion by Peter Patrick and supported by Marilyn Sturgell that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed by Dr. Bob leading us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell

**Next meeting is April 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Grace-Sarasota Campus, Vamo Road**

**Gary Doss – April Devotions**

*“.....For the Joy of the Lord is your (our) Strength.”*