

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK
BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Victor Berger, Pam Hunt, Marilyn Sturgell, Leo Masucci, Peter Patrick, Gary Doss, Sue Bensen-Klinger, George Strawn, Lisa Adams, Brian Erickson, Dr. Bob O'Keefe, Rev. Don Roser, Margarete Roser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Post, Tami Scarlett, Charlotte Ward

VISITOR: Frank Sturgell

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR, Victor Berger, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM, lit the Holy Spirit Candle and led us in the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Gary Doss gave the devotion on Joy.

Vic presented a letter of resignation from Mary Lynne Jewell and said we have positions open on the Board. He reported that Margarete Roser had volunteered to join the Board and fill the vacancy of the Chairperson of Education.

Motion by Marilyn Sturgell and supported by Lisa Adams that Margarete Roser be appointed to fill the vacant position of Education Chairperson. Motion carried.

The Education Committee members are:

Margarete Roser, Chair	Christina Erickson	Steve Nemazie
Karen Post	Julie Taylor	

Vic said that based on a conversation he had with Rich Sidley, he felt Rich would accept the open Communication position on the Board. Trina Robinson said that she will work with him and Lisa Adams volunteered to help him navigate the new system.

Motion by Dr. Bob O'Keefe and seconded by Lisa Adams that Rich Sidley be appointed to fill the vacant Communication position. (If he decides he does not want to fill this Position, he can back out.) Motion carried.

The Communication Committee members will be:

Rich Sidley, Chair	Lisa Adams
Trina Robinson	Rev. Don Roser

Steve Nemazie is going to give a presentation on Sponsorship at one of the Gatherings

There was discussion on the duties of the Activities Director. Since this is a vacant position, Leo Masucci volunteered to fulfill the duties of this position until it is filled. He felt that the duties for this position should be written up and that members of the Community should be involved.

Motion by Leo Masucci and seconded by Margarete Roser that the duties of the Activities Chairperson for Send Off, Sponsor Hour, Candle Light. Closing, setting up and breaking down for the walks be under the direction of the Suncoast Emmaus Walk Executive Board with Leo Masucci heading the activities until the position is filled. Motion Carried.

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion by Sue Bensen-Klinger and supported by Dr. Bob O'Keefe that the Secretary Report be accepted, as corrected, and placed on file. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Director Vic reported that the report will be emailed to the Board members. (He is going look into audit procedures for the books.)

Motion by Dr. Bob O'Keefe and supported by Peter Patrick that Suncoast Emmaus Walk Board will meet every second Monday of each month. Motion carried.

TEAM SELECTION: Leo Masucci reported that there will be a Team Selection meeting for Walks No. 91 and No. 92 at Ellenton UMC on May 11, 2019 with the team meeting at 9:00 for the men's team and 11:30 for the women's team. They will be making selections for Pals, Table Leaders, Assistant Table Leaders, ALD's and Lay Directors for each team. He said he is going to work on a system of moving more people along, as well as requirements for the Lay Director and guidelines for Music Directors. He also touched on which Board position duties would be interfered with by working on a walk. He will present these items to the Board at the next meeting.

Walk Reports for Walk 89 and Walk 90 will be presented at the next meeting.

QUARTERMASTER: Peter Patrick brought up for discussion that he felt there should be a committee to help George. George stated that he had a team at one time, but they would arrive after the trailer was unloaded and the inventory is easy because everything is in tubs and the tubs are labeled. However, there is a problem in that people don't return books. He said he has been a servant for the Community and we are not being servants. At the Men's Walk No. 89 the Emmaus flag and other banners were not used.

Pam Hunt said it was a matter of training for a succession plan in case George can't serve.

Director Vic said there is an problem of "not my job" head butting and he would like the Education Committee to review the issue of Pals not helping with reloading of trailer and make recommendations.

Motion by Peter Patrick and seconded by Margarete Roser that a team of 3-4 and Quartermaster be established to assist the Quartermaster with unloading the trailer before walks and arriving at the Closing to assist with the reloading of the trailer and assisting with inventory audit. In event the Quartermaster can't serve, a team member would be trained to fill in. Vote was 2 nays, 1 yea. Motion failed.

Leo Masucci recommended that after a person goes off the Board, they should become a part of a committee.

EDUCATION: Margarete Roser reported that the Education Committee is going to shift the focus to training Lay Directors and Assistant Lay Directors, Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders. The committee is going to be reorganized to include past Lay Directors to train the incoming Lay Directors.

AGAPE: Sue-Bensen Klinger related how heartwarming it is to see Agape letters from around the world. She presented an Agape letter for all the board members to sign so it can be sent to different walks.

Leo Masucci purposed that we send a letter to the Upper Room stating that we want to stay within the Covenant requirements, but ask that the minimum number of pilgrims be reduced to 15 to hold a walk.

Dr. Bob O'Keefe said that the Upper Room has a new walk for senior citizens and suggested we look into that.

Rev. Don Roser said he is set up for new on-line Spiritual Director training for April 26th and will take care of contacting Upper Room for new Spiritual Director Manuals.

Motion by Dr. Bob and seconded by Pam Hunt that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Dr. Bob closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary

May Devotion – Victor Berger

Board Meeting May 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Grace UMC-Saeasota

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