

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK BOARD MINUTES MAY 21, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Erickson, Karen Post, Marilyn Sturgell, Warren Wasson, Lisa Adams, Pam Hunt, George Strawn, Victor Berger, Charlotte Ward, Sue Bensen-Klinger, Dave Greenwood, Donna Greenwood, Trina Robinson, Mel Robinson, Tami Scarlett

ABSENT: Dr. Bob O'Keef, Rev. Patti Nemazie,

VISITORS: Bill Dooley, Frank Sturgell

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brian Erickson, at 6:34 P.M.

Lisa Adams led us in "As The Deer" and "Just As I Am" and we said the "Prayer To The Holy Spirit."

A motion by Karen Post and seconded by Trina Robinson that the April 2018 Minutes be approved and placed on file. Motion carried.

George Strawn, Board Representative, gave his report for the Men's Walk No. 85. (Full Report attached.). He said there were only two training sessions for the Walk and he felt this should not be a pattern we follow because it doesn't allow for camaraderie among the team members. There were 16 pilgrims and the weekend went well, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt the whole weekend. The music was good, and there were no glitches on the weekend. Dying Moments using the cross was different. Each person's sins were written on cards and nailed to the cross. Jim was a great leader and has the spirit of God. There were real results on the weekend and there were 11 or 12 from the walk at the Gathering - Great Walk. He went on to state that he thinks training is important and should have the three training sessions.

Brian said he thinks it is very important for the Board to keep in contact with the Lay Director to make sure all positions are filled.

Frank Sturgell said he asked the men at the Fourth Day meeting at the Gathering which method they liked best for Dying Moments and it was unanimous that they liked the cross best.

Brian said it was up to the Spiritual Director for each walk as to which method is used. He went on to say that we need to have a meeting to go through the weekend.

Pam Hunt said DaySpring will schedule to match our schedule.

Donna Greenwood, Board Representative, gave her report for the Women's Walk No. 86. (Report attached). She reported that Walk 86 was very impressive. The Team and Pilgrims bonded from the beginning. Registration went very well. Candle Light and Send-Off were well attended. The Pals wore the aprons before the book schedule, golf carts were not available when they should have been, all Agape did not get distributed, we must be sure that the second envelopes are given to the Pilgrims, There were no training books for the Spiritual

Director, etc., we should find out if Dr. Bob has manuals for the Spiritual Directors and Assistants.

Pam Hunt has all the manuals and will give them to the next Lay Director.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS - Trina Robinson reported she has a new e-mail send out for Walks Around The World. She needs articles for next newsletter by June 30th. She has updated the Web sight.

REUNION GROUPS AND FUND RAISING - Mel Robinson reported that he has completed the List of Reunion Groups with a listing of the men that are in each group.

HOUSING AND GATHERINGS - Donna Greenwood reported that the May gathering was excellent with 42 people in attendance. There were at least 10 women from the Women's Walk. The next Gathering is June 16th at Ellenton UMC. July 21st Gathering will be held at Pine Level UMC, Arcadia. The dates for the fall Gatherings are as follows: August 18 at Englewood UMC; September 15 at Trinity-Sarasota; Post Walk, October 20th at Grace 941; November 17th, Ellenton UMC. Volunteers for Fourth Day Talks are needed.

Dave Greenwood said there was a mis-communication at last Gathering as to when to open the church and it was not opened until just before 5:00 P.M., but all pulled together and we were ready by 5:15.

Brian said he would like some ideas for something different for Gatherings.

EDUCATION - Pam Hunt reported that she is building a data base from Walk 86 to try to get them into Reunion Groups. She is going to touch base with Cindy Thayer after Team Selection to help her and she will also help Bill Dooley. Jamie White and Eric Reveria, past Lay Directors, will help with training of new Lay Directors. She suggested that Team Members let the Lay Director know what they would like on the agenda.

MUSIC - Lisa Adams reported that music books are needed for the Men's Walks. She is putting word out that we need musicians. The Rosers said they will help with music at Gatherings. Warren Wasson explained that if songs used at walks are not in the books they are not copy righted and have to be reported to CCLI. You can have printed sheets with the words on them, but they cannot be handed out to take home.

QUARTERMASTER - George Strawn reported that Jamie Fischer from Ohio is a transfer to our Community. If you want something, let George know. He has re-arranged the trailer so it is more efficient. He said he was reprimanded at the Women's Walk - Pals don't load the trailer. They moved boxes outside close to the trailer rather than leaving them in the room. This issue should be included in the training of the Pals.

AGAPPE - Sue Bensen-Klinger reported that agape is not getting handed out at walks and that goes back to lack of education. She feels that as a Board Member, she should be at one meeting to train. She said there was a lot of agape left, but not enough of each to be sufficient

for the next walk so it should be returned to the appropriate reunion group to let them know how many more are needed. The book is a lot of work, with the problem being printing. Karen Post said that there could be a budgeted amount to cover the cost of the printing of the books. Sue replied that she will get a quote for the cost of having the books printed.

REGISTRAR - Tami Scarlett said that Lay Directors need information on pilgrims as the applications come in and there should be training on this so that the apps are entered into the data base as they come in. The apps need to be separated for special needs, etc.. If the data base is not working, it needs to be fixed. Pam Hunt, Trina Robinson and Karen Post will work on a new layout for the pilgrim application. She reported that she has no applications for the upcoming walks.

CHRYSALIS LIASON: Charlotte Ward reported that the Girl's Flight is September 7th-10th at the Rotary Camp.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Warren Wasson thanked Mel Robinson and others for helping make things flow well at the Men's and Women's Walks. He went on to say that the Lay Directors are responsible for the Saturday evening entertainment at the walks and if they want "Mrs. Got Rocks" they need to contact Doris Ann Wasson. Lisa Adams and Barb Grabowski are going to learn the skit and will be the back-up for the skit. Warren would like Rick Peck to check with Upper Room to see if our By-Laws resolution that prevents previous Lay-Directors from acting again can be rescinded.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Karen Post presented the attached Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2018. All walk expenses are paid and there were several contributions. Motion by Sue Bensen-Klinger and seconded by Warren Wasson that the April 30, 2018 Treasurer's report be accepted and place on file as presented. Motion carried.

Chairperson Brian reported that we received a thank you card from DaySpring saying that they are happy we are back and a thank you from Upper Room for sending a check in the amount of \$280.00 which is our 10% of 2017 Gathering contributions.

Brian reported that the P. O. Box had not been checked and he was not aware of this, but it was checked Saturday night and in the mail was a penalty charge bill in the amount of \$2,073 from the IRS for not filing Form 990EZ before the due date. And the date for appealing this penalty was May 21, 2018 (today). Karen prepared a letter of appeal to the IRS asking for the penalty to be removed and giving the reasons for being late in filing. The IRS will respond within 30 days. As a non-profit we have to send a report of collections and expenditures and this has been filed for this year. Our post office box is at Branden River Post Office.

Dave Greenwood is going to ask Venice Print Shop to come up with a design and cost for new t-shirts.

Brian will e-mail the Team Selection report.

Sue Bensen-Klinger read words from Tenth Avenue North, Lisa Adams led us in the song "Control" and Rev. Warren Wasson closed the meeting with a word of prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary

".....*for the joy of the Lord is your (my) strength.*" Nehemiah 8:10

JUNE DEVOTION - DAVE GREENWOOD