

SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Victor Berger, Pam Hunt, Marilyn Sturgell, Vicki Braden, Leo Masucci, Peter Patrick, Gary Doss, George Strawn, Lisa Adams, Rev. Don Roser, Margarete Roser, Rich Sidley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Bensen-Klinger, Charlotte Ward, Brian Erickson

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM and lead us in the prayer to the Holy Spirit. He went on to inform us that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the maximum number of registered Pilgrims and the date, if it is determined that we will cancel walks.

After discussion an insight from Board members, a motion was made by Rich Sidley and seconded by Leo Masucci:

Whereas:

The Covenant between the Upper Room and the SunCoast Emmaus Board of Directors Representing the SunCoast Emmaus Community says that “the Local Community agrees to Conduct the Emmaus programs in accordance with the current copyrighted Upper Room Emmaus (URE) materials”, and

The current URE materials say “Each board establishes the minimum number of confirmed Registrations to allow an Emmaus event to go forward, the recommended minimum is Twenty (20) confirmed registrations at least two weeks prior to the event dates”, and

The URE organization understands and has stated that each community has unique Circumstances, so the important requirement is that each Board establish the minimum number of Pilgrims with a deadline to determine whether or not the Walk will proceed or be cancelled – and then enforce the decision, and

The minimum number of Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders required to give the Lay Talks is eight (8), i.e., four (4) tables, and

The URE organization further suggests that there should be more Pilgrims at a table than Team Members, i.e., at least 3 Pilgrims per table, then

Be it Resolved that the minimum number of confirmed registrations of Pilgrims to determine that a Walk will proceed shall be twelve (12, = 4 tables * 3 Pilgrims per table).

Further, Whereas: SunCoast Emmaus Walks are held at DaySpring Episcopal Retreat, and

The SunCoast Community must give DaySpring a \$1,000 deposit per Walk when the Walk is first booked, and

DaySpring's policy is that the deposit is fully refundable if the Walk is cancelled 60 days in advance of the Walk start date, and

DaySpring's policy is that the deposit is fully forfeited if the Walk is cancelled less than 60 Days in advance of the Walk start date, and

The SunCoast Emmaus Board had a fiduciary responsibility to be good stewards of the Community's money, then

Be it Resolved that the deadline for determining that a Walk will proceed shall be sixty-one (61) Days in advance of the Walk start date.

Be it also Resolved that the Registrar shall notify the other Board members of the number of confirmed registrations of Pilgrims on the sixty-first (61) day in advance of the Walk start date, if less than twelve (12), the Board shall notify DaySpring by the next day that the Walk will be cancelled and request a full refund of the deposit.

These Resolutions apply per Walk, so it is possible for a Men's Walk to be cancelled and a Women's Walk to proceed, or vice-versa; or both Walks to be cancelled or both Walks proceed.

The Board is setting this minimum and deadline in conformation with our Covenant with the URE organization. We recognize that these are minimum requirements and wish it to be known to the Community that our desired minimum number of Pilgrims on a Walk is sixteen (16) and would prefer to have that many confirmed reservations by the deadline; however, we do not believe we should decide to cancel a Walk so far in advance of the Walk using this number. Once we pass the deadline, we would forfeit the deposit should we cancel, so the Walk will proceed – even if some Pilgrims were to drop out before the Walk. We request the Community's support by prayer and action in signing up Pilgrims before the deadline, and in prayer and action adding Pilgrims even after the deadline.

Finally, these resolutions shall take effect immediately and will apply to the planned Walks No. 91 and No. 92, and all future Walks.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary