

## SUNCOAST EMMAUS BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

PRESENT: Elisa Niles, Brian Erickson, Bob O'Keef, Marilyn Sturgell, Bonnie Cary, Warren Wasson, Sue Bensen-Klinger, Trina Robinson, Gene Louise Fisher, Lisa Edington, Donna Greenwood, Dave Greenwood, Tami Scarlett, Phil Southwick, George Strawn, John Brower.

VISTOR: Jim Foss

Chairperson Niles called the meeting to order at 6:41 P.M. Lisa Edington gave a devotion and led the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Warren Wasson led us in singing "Oh How He Loves You and Me" and "Oh How I Love Jesus".

John Brower asked if we had any guitar players and Lisa Edington responded that she was working on it.

January 16, 2017 Board Minutes were reviewed. Corrections were John Brower not Browner and correction in the spelling of Marilyn's name. Bonnie Cary moved approval as corrected, seconded by Trina Robinson and passed.

Chairperson Elisa called for reports from each committee chair, as follows:

Warren Wasson - Music Coordinator reported that he is compiling a list of musicians and Bob O'Keef asked that his wife, Phyllis be added to the list. He said that she is a professional church musician, plays multiple instruments and sings.

Gene Louise Fisher - Education - reported that she is working on an article for the newsletter. She went on to say that some Matters should be brought to the Board Meetings rather than discussed at Gatherings.

(Chairperson Elisa said that we have to be aware of what we talk about at Gatherings. She went on to say that Gene Louise has information on Face-To-Face and suggested that after the walks she make a small presentation to familiarize the Board with it.)

George Strawn -Quartermaster - all books and pamphlets should be in the Education Chair's possession and that person should have them on the table at Gatherings.

Gene Louise responded that she did not have room for them. Sue Benson -Klinger volunteered to take the suitcase of books and bring them to gatherings.

Dave Greenwood - Housing and Gathering Team - reported that the deposit had been made to DaySpring and that all but the November and December Gatherings are taken care of. Because of where Easter falls this year, the April Gathering and Post Walk will be combined and held April 1st. He reminded us that the Candlelights for the upcoming walks are at 8:30 P. M.

John Brower - Reunion Groups and Fund Raising - John reminded us that God is counting on us to generate pilgrims, not only numbers, but quality as well. The Community needs to be educated on how to sponsor pilgrims.

Sue Benseb-Klinger - Agape Committee - She reported that she needed help with Agape for the walks because she is not sure what she is responsible for. She said that new board members need instructions to have things work and that an education day should be set aside for new board members. Lisa mentioned that there are things that should be in the Walk booklets. Bonnie offered to help with the booklets and to check into a printer for printing them. Trina is going to put out a call for Agape. Bonnie mentioned that she has put out three requests for letters, but has had no responses and also that we should be praying for other communities.

Brian Erickson - Assistant Lay Director - We should read the manuals so we know what we are to do. He is concerned that everyone knows what they are to do for the upcoming weekends. Since this is the last meeting before the walks, we have to be sure that everything is organized and flows the way they should.

George Strawn - Quartermaster - Reported that there is a lot of candy, chips, etc., but there is a need for water and soft drinks for the walks. It was mentioned that Housing brings drinks to the gatherings.

Lisa Edington - Team Selection Chair - Reported that the teams for both walks are filled. Chairperson Elisa reported that she has the Lay Director for the next Women's Walk, but she is waiting for the Men's Lay Director. Lisa mentioned that the Spiritual Director should be selected with the Lay Director because the both are to sit on the Team Selections.

Bob O'Keef - Community Spiritual Director -said that the Weekend Spiritual Director for walks picks the Assistant Spiritual Directors. Also, a way to have more clergy involved in walks needs to be figured out. His suggestions for future walks were: 1. If the Candlelight was held in a church it would be more worshipful. 2. The Pals should be invisible. 3. That he would like the Board to consider the break tables starting small and growing as an outward expression of grace growing. 4. Changing the alter each time the Chapel is used. (Bonnie said that the Pals should be anonymous not invisible. They are the hands and feet of Christ.)

Phil Southwick - Community Activities - Reported that Oscar is willing to assist.

Trina Robinson - Communications - Reported that she is updating the mail list. She sent out an email and is getting good response and feed-back. Also, she is working on the newsletter.

Tami Scarlett - Registrar - Reported that she is getting with Kathy Peck to get the name tags out and that she has called the sponsors. She went on to say that we need more pilgrim.

Bonnie Cary - Treasurer - Reported that we cleared \$990.00 on the Spaghetti Dinner. The insurance in the amount of \$1,518 had been paid, as well as a \$1,000 deposit to Day Spring for 2017 fall walk and \$2,547 to Christian Retreat for Walks #83 and #84 had all been paid, leaving a cash balance of \$1,601.45. This balance includes money from team members. We don't have scholarship money for team members. We are scraping the bottom. We need funds!

New Business:

St. Cloud, Fl. Training Session on March 25th will be attended by Warren Wasson, Sue Benson-Klinger, John Brower, **Trina** Robinson, and Tami Scarlett.

Lisa Edington said that walk-throughs have been made of the rooms that will serve as the talk and Agape rooms, as well as the Chapel.

At 8:10 Elisa adjourned the meeting and turned the Meeting over to Rev. Bob, who said that we would be doing Baptism Renewal rather than Communion. After the Renewal, we shared prayer concerns, sang "Bind Us Together", and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary