

**SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Victor Berger, Pam Hunt, Marilyn Sturgell, Leo Masucci, Gary Doss, Sue Bensen-Klinger, George Strawn, Lisa Adams, Rev. Don Roser, Margarete Roser, Charlotte Ward, Rich Sidley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Post, Tami Scarlett, Peter Patrick

**VISITOR:** Frank Sturgell

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR** - Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM, led us in the prayer to the Holy Spirit and gave a devotion on Love.

**SECRETARY** – It was moved by Margarete Roser that the April minutes be approved, with correction, and placed on file.

**TREASURER** – Director Victor reported that he had a letter of resignation from Karen Post. He went on to say that he had some bills that needed immediate attention and that we need a new treasurer in a hurry.

Motion by Pam Hunt and supported by Leo Masucci that the letter of resignation dated April 24, 2014 from Karen Post be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to make a Resolution by the Board to remove Bonnie Cary and Karen Post as signers on the checking account and that Victor Berger and Margarete Roser be added as signers on the account. Then once the Treasurer position is filled the signers are to be the Treasurer, one Board Member and Victor Berger.

**RESOLUTION**

It is hereby resolved that the signatures of Bonnie Cary and Karen Post from Suncoast Emmaus, Inc. Checking Account No. 147026722 and that the signatures of Victor Berger and Margarete Roser, Education Chairperson be added as signers on the account.

Motion by Marilyn Sturgell and seconded by Gary Doss that the Resolution to remove the signatures of Bonnie Cary and Karen Post from Checking Account No. 147026722 and that Victor Berger and Margaret Roser be added as signers on the account be accepted. Motion carried.

Director Victor called to the Board's attention that the checking account should be audited and he had spoken to an accountant who said if he had the review of the previous audit the cost would be approximately \$1,500.

Marilyn Sturgell reported that she had found that an audit had been conducted in 2014, but her records did not contain the review and suggested that the Treasurer's file might

contain the review. She said she found that an audit should be conducted every 3 years, with an annual review of the records in between.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR** - Discussion was held on the vacancy of a chairperson for this position.

A motion was made by Leo Masucci and supported by Lisa Adams that Bob Chovan be offered the Community Activities Director position. But, it needs to be explained to him that the person filling this position cannot work a walk until the end of the term, which would end December 31, 2021. (If he decides he does not want to fill this position, he can decline.) Motion carried.

### **WALK NO. 89 AND NO. 90 REPORTS**

Rich Sidley, Walk No. 89 Lay Director, presented a report, to be placed on file for this Walk. Victor Berger, the Board Representative for Walk No. 89 reported that the talks went smoothly and he can see a lot of good coming out of the Education Committee recommendations. He will present a written report for the files.

Pam Hunt, Women's Walk No. 90 Board Representative, presented her report to be placed on file.

Rich Sidley commented that the Walks need to be done in love and fellowship.

**TEAM SELECTION** – Leo Masucci, Chairperson, presented the Team Selection for the Men's Walk No. 91 and Women's Walk No. 92. It was pointed out that some names should be removed from the lists because they are no longer in the area.

Motion by Marilyn Sturgell and supported by Margarete Roser that the Team Selections for Walks No. 91 and No. 92 be approved as presented, with corrections. Motion carried.

Leo asked that the Lay Director notify Team Selection Chairperson if a qualified people cannot work.

Victor Berger said that if issues or violations of rules occur on walks. they should be brought to the attention of an WLD, discussed with the Board Representative and the issue should be addressed with the individual involved by the Board Representative.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by George Strawn that all SunCoast Board members be "The Last Resort" to fill walk positions, with the stipulation that the Community Director, Community Activities, Housing and Agape chairpersons positions would interfere with their duties if they were to be on the walk, so they should not be part of walk teams, be approved, with corrections. Motion carried.

Motion by Leo Masucci and supported by Rich Sidley that the Upper Room Emmaus guidelines for selecting an (ALD) Assistant Lay Director. Their suggestion is first to serve on an outside position, then (ATL) Assistant Table Leader, then (TL) Table Leader, but add that the person serves on a second different outside position at any time before being selected as an ALD. A copy of this proposal is to be placed in the

Team Selection Committee manual as a reference for any new chairperson. Motion Carried.

**EDUCATION** – Margarete Roser presented using part-time Pals to help were needed. This would give Community members an opportunity to serve for a limited time without putting out money. It would be a training issue for Education. Education and Team Selection will work on this.

Margarete gave a report on the work of her committee. (Copy of report attached.)

The following email proposal was emailed to each Board member from Margarete Roser and a request for a return email to her with a “yes” or “no” response on the proposal.

“The Education Committee proposes to eliminate the Thursday evening Kick-Off meeting and to fold those activities into Team Meeting 1. The training schedule would be updated to preview four talks at Team Meeting 1, six talks at Team Meeting 2 and five talks at Team Meeting 3. The three Training Meetings would run from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with a 30 minute break for lunch. This would allow 24 hours of training time (Upper Room states 23-26 hours of training.) The Education Committee will provide updated Team Meeting schedules for review and approval by the Board. In conjunction with the education updates, the Community Spiritual Director will provide a recommendation for the Communion/Commissioning service on the Thursday of the Walk Weekend.”

The proposal passed with 11 yes votes.

**COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR** - Pastor Don Roser submitted the below report:

Actions: Began work with Dick and Mary on possible Weekend Spiritual Directors.

Began work on the write-up to document the usage of the large storage closet in conference room as a prayer area for pilgrims.

Began work on the write-up to document the Speaker Prayer Chapel setup in the Leaders bunkhouse.

Began work on the Upper Room Clergy Training that is provided by the CSD.

To Do: Need to get a copy of the Position Specific Manual (PDF) for reference and current copy of Grace Talks.

Get list of WSD(s) for Walks 91 and 92 to Board for approval.

Need to finish conversation with ISD concerning the talk intro in the 3 Day Schedule (PDF).

Completed: Completed the Upper Room CSD Training on 4/26/2019.

Current Upper Room Document list and usage suggestions emailed to CD, AD, Team Selection Chair, and Education Committee Chair.

He reported that Rich Sidley and he had met with the Manatee County Ministries Association to give a brief presentation about Sun Coast Emmaus. Pastor Don is in touch with a member of the Sarasota Association to set up a presentation with them.

Pastor Don emailed the following to the Board Members for action:

“Renee Tucker has agreed to serve as the Women’s Spiritual Director for Walk No. 92. This needs Board approval before proceeding with the remainder of the Spiritual Team. Please respond with either yes or no.”

Renee Tucker was approved by the Board for Walk No. 92 with unanimous “YES” votes.

**HOUSING AND GATHERINGS** – Gary Doss reported that the Walks for 2020 and 2021 have been scheduled with DaySpring.

The Men’s 2020 Spring Walk No. 93 will be held April 16-10, 2020 and the Women’s 2020 Spring Walk No. 94 will be held April 30 – May 3, 2020.

The Gathering for June 15, 2019 will be at Englewood UMC with a Lasagna Dinner as a fund raiser.

The July Gathering will be held at the Ellenton UMC and the August 17th Gathering will be at Palmetto UMC.

Below are the dates for the Training Meetings for Walks No. 91 and 92 to be held at Grace – Sarasota Campus, 8521 Vamo Road, Sarasota

Saturday August 10, 2019	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Saturday August 24, 2019	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday Sept. 07, 2019	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Rich Sidley would like to get a newsletter out before the Gathering, so asked for articles as soon as possible.

Community Director Victor said he will be sending a letter to Tami Scarlett notifying her that she has missed 3 consecutive Board meetings and that in accordance with Upper Room mandate, her position with the SunCoast Emmaus Walk is terminated. He said that Peter Patrick’s is absent with a medical excuse because he has had a knee replacement operation.

Frank Sturgell said that he had a request from Rev. Clark Edwards of First UMC Bradenton that the SunCoast Emmaus establish a Kairos weekend in the Manatee County Jail, and he asked Pam Hunt to contact Ann Marshall or Bob Kennedy with this request.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with Rev. Don closing with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary

**June Devotion – Lisa Adams**

**June Board Meeting – June 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Grace – Sarasota Campus**

*“.....For the Joy of the Lord is your (our) Strength.” –Nehemiah 8:10*