

**SUNCOAST EMMAUS WALK  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vicki Braden (Ill-Excused Absence), Peter Patrick (Out-of town-Excused Absence), Leo Masucci (Excused Absence, Out-of-town) Brian Erickson

Pam Hunt, Assistant Community Director, called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM and led the Board in The Prayer to the Holy Spirit. She gave a devotion on discouragement.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Victor Berger arrived and assumed control of the meeting. He reported that Dick Zeigler, Lay Director for Men's Walk #91 is short 2 Assistant Lay Directors and 5 Pals. Leo Masucci needs to be informed of this. It was suggested that we get a list from Dick as to who said yes or no and those who did not respond.

Mary Meyers, Lay Director for Women's Walk 92 just needs a Chapel Pal. He will ask Mary for a list of those would serve and those who can't.

It was suggested that we have a stand-by Table Leader and Assistant Table Leader in case we have to add a 5<sup>th</sup> table for the Women's Walk.

We are paying for the Pals lunch the day they go out to DaySpring at a cost of approximately \$10 each. We need to get the number attending to the Outside Coordinators so this information can be called in to DaySpring.

DaySpring will be paid for the upcoming Walks on Thursday.

The vacancy of a chairperson for Community Activities was discussed. If Leo Masucci wants to temporarily head this position; we need to get community members to help him.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Motion by George Strawn and seconded by Pam Hunt the June 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes and the June 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes be approved as presented and placed on file. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer was absent so there was no report.

The balance in the checking account is \$4,612.00 and there is \$5,870 in the our account with the Methodist Foundation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GATHERINGS & HOUSING:** Gary Doss reported that the Gathering will fall on Candlelight for the Men's Walk so we will not be having a traditional Gathering.

The Community will meet at the Chapel before the Candlelight. We will need to get a notice out to the Community informing them that there will not be a potluck, but details of time and place.

He checked on moving the 2021 walks to February 11-14 for the Men's Walk and February 25-28 for the Women's Walk. This was discussed in depth and it was decided to leave the walks as originally scheduled.

**REGISTRAR:** Lisa Adams reported that as of this date there are 13 men for Walk #91 and 26 women for Walk #92.

Lisa and Barb will be doing the Saturday night entertainment for both walks.

**QUARTERMASTER:** George Strawn reported that he has drinks and paper products for the Gathering to be held at Palmetto UMC. He has enough lanyards for the upcoming walks. He said that he has enough nametag pockets, crosses and purple books for these walks and probably the next two walks. He also has a large number of books for the Book Table. (Books will be turned over to the Spiritual Director to go through them to see if they are all appropriate.)

**AGAPE:** Sue Bensen-Klinger reported that she is working on wall agape. She attended the training meeting on Saturday with some Agape and met with Cindy. Dick said the Agape for the men was okay. She is going to need help with Men's Walk because she is going to be out of town until 2 days before the Walk. Rich said that he will do the pictures and will help with the typing of the names. She will have a layout of the book for the new Agape person when she goes off the board. She would like a reminder posted to the Community that the people need to sign up for the Prayer Clocks for both walks.

**CHRYSALIS:** Charlotte Ward reported that the Girls' Walk is scheduled for September 14-16 at the Rotary Camp in Brandon.

**COMMUNICATION:** Rich Sidley reported that he will send out an email reminding the Community of the Saturday Gathering and a reminder for signing up for the Prayer Clock and that he will be doing another Newsletter soon. He mentioned that out of the 384 Newsletters going out to the Community only about one-half are being opened.

**TEAM SELECTION:** Leo Masucci sent an email report as follows:

I am sending this e-mail to the board because I am traveling and will be in New Jersey all next week, so I will not be able to attend our board meeting. I have been following the e-mails about putting people on the teams.

I agree that we need to talk about the Emmaus proceed for team selection, I know that everyone is doing this with good intentions, but it does not follow our guidelines.

I have been in contact with both WLD by e-mail and have been sending them names of people for certain positions.

As of today each team has enough team members to work the walk. The exception as of today is the Men's Team who now need an ATL, because we needed to remove one person that did not go through Team Selection and he did not meet the Emmaus guidelines for that position. Dick does have names to call for that position.

Not all PAL positions are full, but those spots can be done by part time pals. As much as we would like to have all positions filled when we start training, we do not want to just put bodies on the team, we must always be led by the Holy Spirit in setting the teams that will be there during the walk.

**EDUCATION:** Margaret Roser reported that – The Education Committee had its first meeting on June 18, 2019. We reviewed the training schedule and the Weekend Schedule and made some minor revisions to both. We planned the best approach for training the Lay Directors and ALD's. It was decided that we should meet and mentor them as they meet with their ALD's in their planning sessions. We will be available to talk and provide guidance whenever needed as the Walks get closer. Pam and Cindy will meet with Mary and the guys will meet with Dick. It ends up that Don and I met with Dick and his ALD's to answer questions. Both LD's have been provided the updated manuals for themselves, their ALD's and the Weekend Spiritual Director. We have been unable to locate the manuals for the Board Rep's for either Walk to update their materials. (The Board Rep. Manual has been located.)

The second meeting of the Education Committee was on August 5, 2019. At this meeting we planned our training schedule for each of the three team meetings. Pam is going to train the ladies inside team and Cindy the outside team. I am going to train the Men's inside team and Frank (Dick's OC) will train the outside team.

The first team meeting was held August 10, 2019. Both teams were in need of extended training times as there were only 3 talks scheduled to be given. Pam trained for 1.5 hours and I trained for over 2 hours. The training was well received.

We will continue to evaluate our training and the training needs as well as the Weekend schedule. As mentioned before, this is a process.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:** Rev. Don Roser reported the following:

**ACTIONS:**

- Conducted first part of the Upper Room Clergy Training that is provided by the CSD to Walk 91/92 Clergy.
- Continuing work on the write-up to document the usage of the large storage closet in conference room as a prayer area for pilgrims.
- Continuing to work on the write-up to document the Speaker Chapel setup in the leaders Bunkhouse.

- Began work on write-up of Altar setup for Pilgrim Chapel Devotions that was initiated on Walk 90.

### **TO DO:**

- Begin planning for Clergy Teams for Walk 93 and 94.
- Complete the write-up to document the usage of the large storage closet setup in the Leaders Bunkhouse.
- Continuing work on the Upper Room Clergy Training that is provided by the CSD.

### **COMPLETED:**

- Work with Dick and Mary on Clergy Teams for Walk 91 and 92.
- ISD will be updating the talk intro in the 3 Day Schedule (PDF) to reflect Candle/Bible again .
- Addressed issues with Clergy being assigned to Lay Roles.

Marilyn Sturgell reported that she went through the minutes from 2015-to current and presented a list of updated policies and needed action, as follows.

- Bylaw revision made in August 2015 regarding clergy being allowed to act on the board in addition to Community Spiritual Director. (Bylaws not revised to include this.)
- A copy of the 2019 Covenant Letter and Resignation of Board Members letters needed by Secretary to place on file.
- We have a savings account with Florida Methodist Foundation.
- In 2015 it was approved that the Bylaws be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis. (This has not been done in the past 4 years.)
- There needs to be a list of all forms such as 490WQ, etc., and fees that have to be paid, with due dates. A Board person, perhaps the Secretary, should be designated. (This list and designation needs to be placed on file with Board Secretary).
- 10% of Gathering collections go to the Upper Room. (Has this been done for 2018?)
- Was form 490EZ, that was due 5/21, been sent to IRS?
- After Walks, the address of the current Registrar should be changed on the Pilgrim Applications.
- A copy of our Liability Insurance policy is to go to the churches where we hold Gatherings. (Have we done this?)
- We are going to need a Nomination Committee. (November 15 is the date we have to have new Board members elected.)

Motion by Rich Sidley and supported by Pam Hunt that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Rev. Don closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sturgell, Secretary

September Devotions – Leo Masucci

September Board Meeting - September 9, 2019

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