

Simpkins Wesley Study Retreat Minutes

November 18, 2014 – Leesburg Board Meeting

Attendance: Phil Roughton, Bob Fannin, Jorge Acevedo, Debbie McLeod, Wayne Wiatt

- Establish Guidelines for WSR Participants (Wayne)
 - Faithful Servant Leaders of the Florida Conference
 - Cannot be within 5-7 years of retirement (General Rule: Prior to age 60)
 - Good Essay
 - Attention to Diversity
 - Encourage repeated applications if not selected
- Take Bishops appointed to Florida early in their tenure
- Cost was 3800 (\$3950) per person; Cost for 2015 will be \$4,048 per person
- Consider one guide for the entire tour
- Jorge to suggest tour itinerary improvements
- Expand Board: Suggestion of Katherine Price

February 3, 2015 – Cocoa Board Meeting with Simpkins

Attendance: Bernie Simpkins, Jill Simpkins, Bob Fannin, Phil Roughton, Wayne Wiatt

- Reviewed cost of trip: **1993** - \$26,000; **2015** - \$40,480 (Current with E.O.)
- Utilize the Oxford University Dormitories for realized savings
- Current Cost for each couple is \$600 (\$300 for single travelers)
- Require a Short Essay (Maximum of 1 page) from each participant after attending the retreat
- List of Participants from past years (See Attached, total of 155)
- Tour Hosts: Wayne Wiatt - 2015; Phil Roughton – 2016; Bob Fannin – 2017
- Simpkins Family to add another \$100k to the WSR Fund in February 2015
- Wayne to check with Florida Conference Treasurer regarding lower cost for investment of funds
- Suggested WSR fly into Manchester (Epworth to Oxford); Stay at Lion's Inn
- Compare costs of Manchester vs. London
- Preference to always stay at Oxford if possible (Dorms)
- Utilize Dr. Ralph Waller
- Recruit Additional Sponsors (Grant Applications), Publix Charities; Lilly Foundation; Truett Cathy
- Develop an Evaluation Form for participants
- Establish \$350,000 as Fund Balance

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