

Midland Walkabout
Membership Meeting May 2, 2016
Minutes

Midland Walkabouts held their regular monthly membership meeting in the meeting room of Murray's Restaurant & Deli on May 2, 2016. The meeting started at 6:35 p.m. Our president Susan Fine was the presiding officer. Read Johnston took notes.

1. We all introduced ourselves. Guests were Judy Reigle, Sammy Hunnicutt, and Penny Wheeler.
2. The minutes for both the February and the March Meeting were approved. (Note: We did not have an April meeting).
3. Treasurer's report was discussed by our treasurer Carolyn Petersen. She included a quarterly report.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. TVA meeting Saturday August 6 in Granbury TX.
 - i. Walk (10/5km) in morning, meeting in afternoon. Susan plans to go.
 - ii. Brochure sheet was handed to each member
 - b. Founder's Day (40th Anniversary Celebration) Saturday June 11 in Fredericksburg TX.
 - i. 2 walks (20/10/5km & 10/5km), 1 bike (25km), and 1 swim (300m)
 - ii. Have medals for A award, and beer mugs for commemorative gift.
 - iii. 2 Brochure sheets were handed to each member
 - iv. Susan plans to go early, Wednesday or Thursday for additional YRE walks within 50 miles of Fredericksburg (Friday and Sunday have scheduled YREs w/ others).
 - v. Discussion about how Coopers BBQ in Llano is excellent www.coopersbbqllano.com and how (several members didn't like the Junction BBQ).
 - c. In September we want to talk about a possible San Angelo downtown volkswalk.
 - d. We thank Bob Hicks for his donation to our club. Nine members and one guest picked up trash from his lot last Sat.
 - e. Stanton April 9th walk attended by 3 members.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Tomorrow, May 3rd is San Antonio's "Big Give" day. Please donate to AVA.
 - i. All AVA participants are asked to donate at least \$15
 - ii. Carolyn Petersen made a motion which was approved with a hand vote 6-0 for our club to give \$25 to AVA.
 - b. A discussion was made about our Odessa UTPB walks
 - i. There are some problems with Travelodge keeping our box. Sammy Honeycutt suggested the Holiday Inn across 42nd street from UTPB. Carolyn Petersen suggested that when we talked to possible alternatives, we explain how putting a walk box at their site means their Hotel will be listed on AVA's national web site. She also talked about labeling the top and all four sides of box.
 - ii. Club members present thought it was a good idea to change the directions for the walk with the 10K including interior areas of campus, and the 5K going to the duck pond and then returning.
 - c. Racquet Club Walk Saturday May 14th
 - i. Start - parking lot across from chapel in Midland College (south part of loop) at 8am.
 - d. Susan Fine made a motion which was passed to make Read Johnston our secretary.
 - e. Susan Fine talked about other Texas walks
 - i. walking Comfort TX
 - ii. walking in Dallas park and see 49 amazing bronze longhorn cattle <http://www.dallasconventioncenter.com/contact-us/pioneer-plaza/>
 - iii. Check AVA.org events every week or month like Susan does. http://clubs.ava.org/ava_search.asp and choose "Texas" and "Within Next 30 Days" or whatever period and click on the "Search Events" button.
 - iv. Susan and Kenneth plan to walk the Chisholm Park Hurst TX event May 21st.
 - f. We heard about some suggestions about the confusing directions for the Big Spring State Park and we thought we should update directions or map.
 - g. West Texas Trail Walkers has a nice brochure <http://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org/> featuring their anual 2nd Weekend in October (7th-9th) trip. They have one group walk per year, which this year is Big Bend National Park. Susan and Kenneth Fine plan to go. Each day has a 5/10km walk and on the 8th an optional 17/24km walk. Planned walks are: Lost Mine Trail, South Rim Trail, Chimneys at Sunrise. Go online for more information.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6pm in Murray's. This meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

By Read Johnston, Secretary

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