

January 6, 2020

Minutes of the Midland Walkabouts, Murray's Deli, 6:00pm

Present: Alex Rose, Janice Courtney, Jack Rogers, Carolyn Petersen, Gary Petersen, Kenneth Rust, Diana Smart, and guest - Pat Wilson.

President Diana Smart called the meeting to order.

Old Business: Minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were previously emailed to members and not provided at this meeting. The December 2 meeting was our Christmas party.

Carolyn gave oral updates on the Christmas party (about one dozen people attended the dinner at Venezia's), the Grasslands Christmas lights walk Dec. 19 (6 people on the walk and additional folks joined the subsequent party at Alex' home), and the Dec. 17 meeting with Carolyn, Diana and Kenneth to change the bank signature card and orient Kenneth on Treasurer duties. Other note: In early January Gary and Carolyn updated the boxes at the MCM Elegante in Odessa and at Doubletree Hilton in Midland.

Treasurer's Report: Kenneth provided the current balance of \$1069.22 and reviewed the names of members who need to pay their 2020 dues.

New members joined in 2019: Bob Hays; Lynda Meuth (has since moved to Abilene); Barbara Garlington; Eve & Jeff Toll; Carla Manning (moved away)

New Business:

1. Diana discussed a proposed goal for 2020 of three new members.
Alex recommended placing brochures in clear plastic holders at various fitness centers.
2. Monahans Resolution Run/Walk: this is not an official group walk for January, although a couple of members plan to participate. While there, we can update the Monahans walk box with the 2020 stamper and supplies.
3. The Big Spring walk is scheduled for Saturday January 18. We plan to meet behind the Mall Jumburrito at 8:30am, or folks can join us at the park entrance off of FM 700 around 9:15am. We can do the usual walk on the paved park roads, and/or the trail which circles the mountain.
4. There was some discussion of the Windlands Park display box and whether we need to install a handle/door pull on the lid to make it easier to open. Alex had two new keys made for the display case and they work fine.
5. Fort Davis: We didn't do these walks last year due to the West Texas Trail Walkers event in the Panhandle. The club is looking at the weekend of April 24-26, 2020 for the three Ft. Davis area walks. It would facilitate communication if the whole group could stay at the same hotel. Cell phone service is spotty in that area. Alex said she will check prices for the Limpia and Harvard hotels.
6. Diana showed the group the new logo for AVA, a mountain scene incorporating the letters A-V-A, and the slogan "America's Walking Club". We have a few months to change out the old logo on our brochures, web site, etc.

The motion was accepted to adjourn the meeting.