

Minutes for the March 2, 2020 Midland Walkabout Club meeting

Present: Diana Smart, Janice Courtney, Alex Rose, Kenneth Rust; Terry Cox, Gary Petersen, Jack Rogers, Carolyn Petersen

Minutes from the Feb. 3 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report \$1319.22. Kenneth Rust provided an up-to-date roster which reflects the current 2020 members. Ken proposed that the club pay for the Midland College campus police invoice for April 4, but Alex prefers to make that her personal gift. Thank you, Alex. Jack Rogers provided a donation this evening of \$50.00. Thank you, Jack.

Old Business:

1. Week of Walking/National Walking Day--- Alex Rose brought us up to date on the special walk event scheduled for Saturday April 4 from 9 to 11am at Midland College Allison Fine Arts Bldg.
 - A. Several companies have kindly donated items or funds towards the goodie bags and more items are expected. It was suggested that we send a Letter to the Editor of the MRT thanking all these companies after the event. There will be a meeting Sunday afternoon at 2pm on March 29 to stuff the goodie bags, to be held at Alex' home 4705 Spring Meadow, Unit 4.
 - B. The City of Midland will present the Walkabouts with a Proclamation March 24 at 10am at City Hall, and President Diana plans to be there on behalf of the club.
 - C. Alex is making name tags for us to wear April 4, and she also noted 2 articles which have appeared in the newspaper, and she expects 2 more.
 - D. During the event on April 4 we could use extra help. Please come to the Allison Fine Arts Bldg. at 8:30am that day to help set up. We should be finished and packed up by 11:30am.
 - E. There is a form for our club to submit to AVA headquarters about Walking Day and Diana will take care of that. Diana will also alert our Regional Director, Sammy Hunnicutt, about the April 4 event.
2. Fort Davis trip April 24-26-- So far, the attendees include Gary and Carolyn Petersen, Alex Rose, Ken Rust and brother, and Diana Smart. Any others wishing to participate should make their hotel reservations ASAP. A reservation has been made at the Reata Restaurant in Alpine for 10 people at 5:30pm on Sat. April 25.

New Business:

1. The Big Give Fundraiser will be held March 19 through March 26. The goal is \$80,000 and this is the only fundraiser for the AVA - America's Walking Club. We voted to give \$25 from the club treasury. Members are also encouraged to make a personal gift. If you donate prior to 3/26/20, be sure to designate it for "The Big Give". Go to AVA.org/donate.
2. The official walk for March will be this Saturday March 7 to Carlsbad Caverns. We are meeting behind the JumBurrito at Midland Park Mall at 6:30am for carpool/caravan. Gary submitted an article about the Carlsbad Caverns walk to the MRT.
3. Element3 Health program. This is a new partnership between AVA and Element3 Health and involves matching older adults to appropriate activities to spur social, mental and physical enrichment. Diana will be the designated Point of Contact person. On a related note, Alex

suggested that the club write a letter to the local cardiologists explaining about our club and enclosing a brochure.

4. Last month's walk at Midland Park Mall-- Six people participated on Feb. 8: Alex, Terry, Carolyn, Janice, Gary, and Diana. Afterwards, several of us picked up trash at Windlands Park.
5. The club is scheduled to participate in the Great American Clean Up Day March 14th. Meet at 8:30am at Windlands Park. It was suggested that we pick up trash again on June 6 and then wait until October for the final effort, to avoid the hotter weather. Diana will contact Keep Midland Beautiful to see if they agree to this schedule.

At the close of the meeting, Alex showed us the article in the Midland College Clarion magazine which features a photo and explanation of the Walkabout's Memorial Tree on campus. The area under the tree was upgraded in October 2019.