

Midland Walkabout Oct. 4, 2021 meeting minutes

Attending: Agnes, Alex, Laurel, Kenneth, Dorise, Gary, Carolyn, and Diana

The August and September minutes were approved, with the exception of the comment under TVA about officer terms. It should be amended to read that our club, rather than TVA, might go to 2-year terms.

Treasurer Kenneth Rust presented the financial report. At the end of September there was a balance of \$736.76. We will continue to send our Webmaster, Cristal Firestone, \$100 for her work, annually.

Old Business:

Diana asked if there were nominations for President and Secretary for 2022.

New Business:

1. Since there has been insufficient interest in being a club officer, Diana suggested the usage of standing committees to help share the responsibilities. With functional standing committees, Diana feels that she could continue as President. Gary, Dorise and Agnes plan to work on Publicity. Laurel offered to chair the display case committee. We will check with Cristal Firestone on whether she will continue to manage Facebook and the club website. Kenneth submitted his name as chair of the Keep Midland Beautiful emphasis. Carolyn, as Point of Contact for out-of-town walkers will continue to work on maintaining the remaining walk boxes, accurate copies of the walk directions, and submit requests for any new walks developed. We will need to find out the deadline for reporting officer names to AVA.
2. The October walk will be on Sat. Oct. 16 to the former Bush homes. Let's meet at Windlands Park at 9am. Since many of us have never done the Bush Home Tour, we might include this as part of the event that Saturday. The museum fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors. We will discuss the plans further on the 16th.
3. Diana reviewed our Keep Midland Beautiful effort on Sat. Oct. 2. There were 7 participants and we collected 6 bags of trash. Diana returned the remaining shirts and treats to KMB headquarters. We might do this again in April 2022.
4. Diana reviewed the Big Spring State Park walk of Sat. Sept. 11.
5. With a couple of small changes from 2021, Diana has finalized the walk schedule for 2022. She plans to ask Murray's after the meeting whether they agree to continue our free usage of the meeting room.
6. Alex has made reservations at Venezia's for our Christmas party on Monday Dec. 6. In November we will need to finalize the number attending so Alex can report to Venezia's. Carolyn will send a reminder to the members. Alex noted that everyone pays for their own meal. At Venezia's Alex would like to have the scrapbooks on display somehow (she has 2 of the scrapbooks, and Carolyn has one.)
7. The Monahans Sandhills Resolution Run occurs Jan. 8, 2022. Copies of the registration sheet were available. For an extra \$3 we can also count this as an official walk and receive a stamp.
8. Kenneth noted that we can begin paying dues for 2022. It is \$15 per family. Carolyn will mention the dues in the next club email.
9. Bonnie and Laurel plan to update the display case at Windlands Park for the 4th quarter 2021.

10. Alex spoke with the MC grounds supervisor, Jeff Floyd. Jeff intends to re-design the memorial area under the tree and also plant flowers there in the spring. Alex noted that we need a plaque for Anne Carter. Alex informed the group that Jack Rogers has moved to Polo Park Retirement Center and she showed us the lovely plaque which will be presented to Jack in honor of his founding and years of service to the Walkabouts. Jack's new address is Polo Park Retirement Center, Room 305, 2100 Castleford Rd., Midland, TX 79705.
11. Diana, while volunteering at the Friends of the Library, ran across an interesting title, "**Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America**", written by Linda Lawrence Hunt, and published in 2005. We are welcome to borrow the book from Diana.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Petersen