

Midland Walkabout Minutes of May 2, 2022

Attending: Billie; MK; Laurel; Agnes; Ken; Alex; Jack; Diana; Gary; Carolyn; Cathey Graves

The minutes of April 4, 2022 were approved as read.

Treasurer Kenneth Rust reported \$666.60 in the account at the close of April.

Old Business:

1. The Sibley Center Spring Festival, April 30, was a success. Several people stopped by our booth and expressed interest, and one person joined. Thank you to Kenneth, Diana, Gary, Carolyn, Alex, and Agnes for helping out. Our booth was in a good location by the windmill and the trails.
2. Digitizing of the scrap books: Kenneth reported that, so far, one scrapbook of the three available, has been digitized. Kenneth investigated the possible usage of an "App" to help with the digitizing process, but rejected the idea because it would cost \$40.

New Business:

1. The May official walk will occur May 7, 2022 at the Monahans Sandhills State Park. For carpooling, we plan to meet behind JumBurrito at 7:30am. Diana has learned of a new walk being developed in the city of Monahans, and has the directions. We will decide on Saturday whether to do part of the walk in the State Park, and part of the walk around town. It is expected to be extremely hot this Saturday.
2. Review of the Stanton walk: There were 8 participants, including a new member, Margaret Ricks. Three of the walkers did a short route, and the rest did a longer walk and included a tour of the monastery. New member, Billie Nozares, tried to meet up with the group but could not locate us.
3. Midland Historical Society: Alex, Kenneth, Diana, and Carolyn met with Jim Collett of the Historical Society. The group discussed the idea of using the museum as a permanent home for the three physical scrapbooks, when the club is ready. We also discussed the concept of cooperating with the Society to develop a walk featuring historical sites, primarily in the downtown Midland vicinity. At some point we might even want this walk to designated as an official AVA sanctioned walk.
4. KMB trash pick-up effort: Eight people helped pick up trash at Windlands Park on April 23.
5. Increase in dues for 2023: The club discussed the possibility of increasing our dues beginning in 2023. A tiered approach might be desirable, but we will give the idea more consideration before having a vote.
6. Other business: Agnes showed us the April issue of Texas Highways magazine which had a great article about AVA. Kenneth reported that the replacement plaque for the memorial tree at Midland College should arrive soon. Diana will contact Jeff Floyd, Groundskeeper for MC, to discuss the next steps with the plaque.

Adjournment approved: Gary moved, and Kenneth seconded that we adjourn the meeting.

