

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.

Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the table. 13 members were present representing a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

- The November minutes have been posted and there were no changes or corrections - the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Leslie reported a closing balance of \$4,894.82

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- Walk boxes have been updated with new maps and materials. The certificate of insurance is now available to add to the walk boxes.
- Regarding the New Year's Eve fun walk and dinner, 35 walkers participated. We also had 34 join up for dinner afterwards at the new Fysh Bar and Grill Restaurant. Service was slow at the start but did improve. Most were happy with their meal.

Member-at-Large Report: (Gloria Pratt)

- Gloria will send updated brochures to the Regional Director and also to our sister clubs to have on hand.

Member-at-Large Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan reported an average of 23 Wednesday night walkers during the last two months.
- During this year's food drive, we collected 224 food items along with \$275 in monetary contributions. Dan read a very nice thank you letter received from the Port Orange Presbyterian Church for our support.
- Dan asked about the annual Spring Tortugas Baseball Game we have and asked if we want to continue with this. With the answer being yes, he will start looking for dates in May and will have more information at the March meeting.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) 2022 membership ended with 110 (down 24 from previous year). Renewals are still coming in for this year.

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) Per Janet - the club store is fully stocked. In the Spring she will begin selling the white sleeveless tees. The easiest way to order is to look online, then email Janet with your request. She will make arrangements to get the order to you as soon as possible at one on the. Payment will be due when you receive the items.

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Up to date.

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Deadline for newsletter items – January 12.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- The Holiday Christmas Party was held December 16. After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our turnout for the party this year was low – only 23. We will need to address before next year since our revenue for the party didn't actually cover the cost of the party.

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Activities going forward....

- Jan-Feb-Mar CHANGE 2 schedule is out. (Changes still needed due to recent storms.)
- 13-16 January – FCTF MLK Weekend at Fernandina Beach
- 28 January (Saturday) – Blue Springs State Park Traditional Event, 8:30-10 am start (Group walk at 9 am)
- 11 February (Saturday) – Get your bicycles ready - Bike Ride @ Lake Monroe Park, 9:30 am
- 19-26 February 2023 - IVV Olympiad & IML in San Antonio TX. First ever Olympiad to be held in the US. Participants from 30+ countries will attend. Online registration is OPEN <https://ivvolympiad2023.org>
- 25 March (Saturday) – FCTF Washington Oaks State Park Traditional Event 9-10 am start. (It was suggested that we share information with FCTF that they may want to get cellphone #s for walkers at this event. It was a reminder that we do the same for our Blue Springs TE. This will help in the event walkers do not remember to return their number to us to check in at the end of the walk.)

New Business:

- none

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

13 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Leslie Stone, Sandy McArthur, Dan Spink, Russ and Barbara Anderson, Steve and Janet Wagner, Mary Geraghty, and Patty Martinez.