

MINUTES OF THE HAPPY WANDERERS BI-MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Marvin at 6:30 pm. There were 19 members in attendance. No guests.

Minutes were approved as published.

SECRETARY: Lois thanked the club and has enjoyed working as Secretary and being an active member of the club. She plans on doing more travelling.

TREASURER: Reported by new President Mike: June 30, **2010** ending balance \$6660.72, Income: \$10,360.75. Expenses: \$11,493.72. June 30, **2011** ending balance \$5,527.75. Loss: \$1,132.97.

VICE PRESIDENT: President for Bill: All POC's were notified to remove + sign from Walk Stamp by July 1 and provided with supplies for walk boxes. Thanks to Dave Wasko and Sandy Dennis for assuming the POC duties for the Daytona Beach and So. Daytona Beach walk boxes. Office Depot Awards: \$89.75 to print supplies for our walk boxes. Also printed 150 YRE brochures with \$80 in Office Depot Awards that Marvin took to the AVA Convention. Total awards money totaled \$162.25 and I charged \$21.75 to my credit card. Just received \$100 new reward dollars thanks in part to Lois Shannon purchases of 56.00. Marvin checked the walk boxes in Savannah and noted the supplies needed and Linda and I took the supplies to Savannah on July 5th. Our supply of walking HW stickers is about gone. Ordered 2000 round stickers, in blue, for the cost of \$4.45 per M. With shipping total was \$19.67.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Before Mike officially took over the meeting, Marvin as our past president, thanked the club and said he was happy the Happy Wanderers was his home club. He was pleased with the core group of members who are always ready to help the club and hope they continue to be active members. He stated that we were in good hands with our enthusiastic new president and Mike had a "good partner in crime" Karen, a great asset to the President of the Club. Marvin also thanked Lois, "a Jewel," who helped him with the yeoman's work for the club. As new VP for AVA, Marvin will be doing more travelling visiting all 10 regions to help grow AVA.

Mike's Comments: Mike thanked Marvin and congratulated him on his work for our club. Mike stated he will also help forward the AVA while focusing on our Club. He thanked the club for our support and is looking forward to an active and fulfilling term.

OLD BUSINESS:

Savannah Trip cancelled. Needed 26 people but only had 14. Marvin asked for trip suggestions since much time and effort go into the planning of these trips and would like to feel an interest from the club before all the planning begins.

Pierson 20th Anniversary Walk, October 22, 2011: No design as yet for tee shirts. Dynamic Design may have artwork for our logo from previous orders and Mike will follow up with the design center. Sandy

will plan menu. Flyers are on the internet and are posted on AVA site and will be at walks. Larry has surveyed the walk and all is OK.

WAF XX11 St Augustine October 28-30, 2100: Very good response and reservations at Quality Inn are filling fast. Howard Johnsons on San Marco Avenue is the overflow hotel. Pre register for ghost tours and banquet. Information and registration forms are on the internet. After Saturday's am beach walk, a sack lunch for \$6 will be available for purchase at hotel. FVA meeting at Quality Inn at 1pm on Friday. Friday night is ghost tour, Saturday night is Banquet and there are walks, Friday am, Saturday am and pm and Sunday am in Palatka.

Christmas Party: 12/10 The Falls, Ormond Beach, may need back up location. Sandy is the committee chair and Bridget, Barbara, Mary Ann and Russ, Victor, Bob and Gloria, Jody and Angie have signed on as helpers. This year we will not adopt a family and need to consider another option.

Daytona Cubs Picnic at the Park: Tickets distributed by Lois at end of meeting.

Name Tags: Discuss at workshop on Saturday

Yard Sale: Discuss at workshop on Saturday

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter Editor: MoiraLynn Mefein has expressed an interest. Mike will follow up as to when and if she will take over newsletter. Time of next issue will be announced. Critical information will be available via handouts. Lois mentioned that the National paper, American Wanderers was a great value and Karen echoed the value. By subscribing to the national paper, Marvin stated the benefits of life membership, such as helping to support the National Association. Great trips are offered thru Walking Adventurers International in the paper and Marvin mentioned that the owners are all walkers. Victor mentioned that our Karen wrote a very informative article for the national paper promoting our WAF in October in St. Augustine.

HW Workshop: All Saints Lutheran Church 9 am to Noon, Saturday, August 6th. We will plan for next year's events and the general direction of the club for the coming year.

New Walker Signup: Initial contact to be via our PO Box with check to Sally and info to Tammy as membership chair. Personally deliver new member packet to new walker.

The START/FINISH TEAM should not have to handle new member sign ups at walks. Officer needed to welcome new members and handle any questions or concerns.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mike presented Lois with a thank you certificate for her work as secretary and an engraved pen to show the club's appreciation for her service to the club.

Marvin was presented with a Resolution Certificate to show our appreciation for all his work, time and passion helping to maintain and grow our club.

Business meetings time has changed to first Thursday of each month. Next meeting is Sept 1, 2011 and then November 3, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Marrotte, Secretary