

MINUTES OF THE HAPPY WANDERERS BI-MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010

Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:33 p.m. There were 23 present. Three also attended the orientation: William Boyce, Terry Kennedy and Janet Sage.

SECRETARY: Minutes were approved as published. Letters read: All Saints Lutheran Church advised February 5, 2011, has been approved for the Club Workshop. A thank you was sent to Fred Sheets who paid for the volunteer lunches at Cassadaga.

TREASURER'S REPORT: October balance \$6773.69, Income \$1515.11 (includes monies received for pre-registration), Expenditures \$669.17.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bill reported emails were sent to POC's regarding the end of the quarter. He needs SEC number and walk directions before he can complete the new Palatka year round box. Most walks have been updated for 2011. He deleted the Volusia Mall and added Palatka to the walks available section.

Bill is also working with Tammy about renewal postcards in 2011. Bob is giving Bill the Wednesday new walker sheets who then sends a welcome letter. This is apparently working well. Janet Sage remarked she felt it was a warm and welcoming letter.

Regarding INK CARTRIDGES, Office Depot has reduced the amount for each to \$2 each and set the limit of 20 per month. We also need to spend \$1 of real money to get \$1 of refund. Let Bill know if you want to spend money at Office Depot and he will give you a number.

PRESIDENT: There were 51 walkers at Cassadaga including others from around Florida and 2 from the Netherlands. Thanks to all who contributed to the wonderful lunch.

Marvin is working on scheduling events for the next 6 to 8 months. Karen needs this information to continue the great job in getting the walks published. Marvin is also working on reports to be submitted to AVA by November 15.

AVA ALBANY MEETING: Three days were spent setting the Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. AVA will stress health more than other athletic types of organizations in order to move toward a more healthy America. The Executive Director Will try to sign up national sponsors and partners who will provide additional income to the organization. The number of clubs and the number of participants has been decreasing and that is where our income is from (dues, etc.). Focusing on health will help to get grants. AVA hopes to qualify to take advantage of the volunteer Vista Corp which is similar to the Peace Corp but is inside the United States.. Stipends and expenses for the volunteers are paid by the U.S. government. The slogan of FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP is being replaced by MOVING TOWARD A HEALTHIER AMERICA TOGETHER.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt-A-Family: Alice is working with All Saints Lutheran Family. Sandy has a family from White Chapel and is getting a wish list containing some fun things, too. The "Santa Pitcher" will be available to receive donations at all walks and events.

Newsletter: Pat, Mike and Adrienne are working to get the newsletter out shortly. Copies of the flyers will be available walks. To find events and how to get there, go to the website: click on schedule, click on month, click on date. Mike will send Tammy a note that the newsletter is on the website; Tammy will send email.

Discussion: it was agreed to put the minutes and flyers on the website and not in the newsletter. This will make the newsletter smaller and easier to download.

Presently in the newsletter: walk schedule, birthdays, new members, special notices, Milestones and sometimes a story about events or walking topics. It was suggested to have a MEMBERS COMMENTS SECTION. Anyone could send in a comment about a great walk, lunch, where they would like to walk. Perhaps the Coordinator of the event could write a brief synopsis on the walk. Send information for the newsletter to: Harrisadrienne89@yahoo.com.

WAF XXI: CALL SANDY TO VOLUNTEER. The 2-hour slots on Friday are already filled. Sandy needs people to volunteer the following: two 2-hour slots at one location at St. Pete on Saturday, two checkpoints and three 2-hour slots at an instructions table.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 11--Veterans Day, Port Orange

November 19-21 --Treasure Island and St. Petersburg

December 18--HW Christmas Party, Falls Clubhouse, Ormond Beach

December 31 -- New Years Eve walk, Pavilion, Port Orange

NEW BUSINESS:

Name Tags: Bill suggested we include the good name tag for each new member rather than the paper one we now furnish. The cost is \$3 per name tag. Any replacement would be paid by the member. MOTION: A GOOD NAME TAG WILL BE INCLUDED FOR EACH NEW MEMBERSHIP. PASSED

Assistants for various positions. Assistants would help the Chair or stand in when they aren't available. Lois will assist Gloria in mailing the newsletter. Let Marvin know who you will help.

Nominating Committee: A Chair is needed for this Committee. Election will be in May. Open positions at this time are: Secretary and Sargeant-at-Arms. Marvin reported that Bill (Vice President) and Salley (Treasurer) intend to continue. Marvin said he has been in AVA since 1974, has served 10 years as HW co-President and/or President. He is currently the National Treasurer and intends to serve another 2-year term. Therefore, if anyone would like to step forward to be President or co-Presidents, he would be willing to serve as a President Emeritus and advise the new President. Let Marvin know about serving as Chair of the Committee.

Alice reported that a long-time member, Violet Samano, is depressed and in ill-health. Violet wants people to call and stop by.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Shannon, Secretary