

Minutes
Colorado River Walkers
Dec. 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Carol Obianwu, president, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm at the festively decorated home of Kathy and Les Stratemann. Sixteen members and one guest were present.

MINUTES: Reading of the 11/13/2017 meeting minutes was tabled until the Jan., 2018 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The 11/2017 treasurer's report was tabled until the Jan., 2018 meeting.

YRE REPORT: The 11/2017 YRE report was tabled until the Jan, 2018 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The CRW sponsored walk event, Ghost Neighborhood at Onion Creek, held 11/18/2017, was very successful with a total of 118 participants. Of the 118, 113 paid \$3.00, 5 used coupons, 1 child was free with the AVA charge covered by CRW. Nineteen dollars in donations were collected at the registration desk and \$57.10 at the "café" generating a net income of approximately \$210. The cost of food was covered by a \$50.00 donation from Debra Galloway and a \$10.00 donation from Larry Jacob, our very capable cook. He purchased 50 sausages, wraps, condiments, charcoal, and supplies. Food was free to walkers with donations requested. All the food was consumed.

2. The Georgetown YRE was featured on 11/24/2017, as CRW's participation in REI's "Opt Out" Program. Eighteen walkers participated in the event.

3. Barbara Byers reported on the next CRW sponsored walk event to be held 2/17/2018, Boggy Creek Greenbelt and East Austin. The starting point will be at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Center. The 5K route has been completed and the 10K route is in progress. Mary Zeitler hopes to complete the flyer by 12/31/2017 for distribution at the Memorial Walk in Fredericksburg.

4. The dates for the 3 day Walk Fest in San Antonio sponsored by the Texas Trail Roundup are 2/23, 24, 25/2018. The walk distances are 5km -42km. This will be the second of three required multi-day walk events in order to be accepted as a provider of IML (International Marching League) long-distance walks. The walks will take place 1 week following CRW's Boggy Creek Greenbelt walk. SWRD, Susan Medlin, will include/promote CRW's walk information sent to IML participants coming to the Roundup from other States and Nations. CRW is asked to send the information as soon as possible.

5. A great \$25.00 Christmas gift for any CRW would be to become an AVA Associate Member. Tell your friends and relatives about it if they are wondering what to give you. Membership includes the bi-monthly newspaper, The American Wanderer, and provides information about walks all over the US as well a listing of those who have completed event and distance awards.

Milestones:

Jean Bogardus – 30 events
Charles Rogers – 125 events
Debra Galloway – 275 events
Mary Zeitler – 4500 km

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 - Christmas Lights River Walk – San Antonio
Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017 – TVA Memorial Walk – Fredericksburg
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 – TVA Midnight Walk – Fredericksburg
Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 – San Antonio Museum Trail and/or Quarry Market Trail - San Antonio
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 – Featured YRE – Historical Walk - Seguin
Saturday Jan. 27, 2018 – Lockhart – BBQ, Clocks, and Movie Walk - Lockhart
Saturday Feb. 10, 2018 – Hill Country Retreat, Del Webb Cake Walk– San Antonio
Saturday Feb.17, 2018 – Boggy Creek Green Belt and East Austin - Austin

For further information about the above events, Please check the AVA web-site.

The brief meeting adjourned around 7:15 pm. Members then enjoyed a bountiful table of delicious food and drink followed by the lively exchange of “white elephant” gifts. On behalf of CRW, Charles R. thanked Kathy and Les Stratemann for their generosity in providing a beautifully decorated home for the CRW Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zeitler, Recording Secretary