

Minutes  
Colorado River Walkers  
Nov.13, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carol Obianwu, president, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm at the meeting room in the Mueller HEB. Eleven members were present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 10/09/2017 meeting were read and accepted with corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sam Harris reported the current bank balance of \$2,610.12.

**YRE REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2017:**

Austin Historical	9w	Brushy Creek	0w, 0b
Lady Bird Lake	1w	Pflugerville	1w
Fairview Park	0w	Round Rock	2w
Georgetown	1w	Belton	1w
Salado	1w		

Total: 16w x \$3 and \$9 donation = \$57.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The next CRW sponsored walk event, Ghost Neighborhood at Onion Creek, will be held 11/18/2017. Two worker's walks were held with 10 participants, total. Fifty dollars was received from Debra Galloway to purchase hot dogs and sausages for walk participants on a donation basis. Larry Jacobs and Juan Marroquin will be the cooks. Exiting the parking area after the walk is somewhat difficult. A volunteer will be needed to assist with this.
3. REI is sponsoring "Opt Out" on 11/24/2017, the day after Thanksgiving. This is to promote a venue for activities other than shopping. CRW will again host a group walk in Georgetown featuring the local YRE. Start time will be 1:00 pm. Lighting of the Christmas lights around the square will take place at dusk for those who wish to stay for that event.
4. Barbara Byers has volunteered to develop the next CRW sponsored walk on 2/17/2018. The starting point will be in East Austin at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Center.
5. "Starting Point 2018" books have been ordered for the four members that requested a copy.
6. CRW's annual Christmas party will be held Dec. 11, 2017 at the home of Kathy and Les Stratemann. The address and directions to their home will be e-mailed to members prior to the event. Kathy and Les are donating a ham for the event; other attendees are to bring a side dish and any adult beverage they may want. Those who would like to be included in the White Elephant gift exchange, please bring a gift of \$10 or less in value.

**New Business:**

1. Cards from Home Depot/Office Max identifying CRW as a tax-exempt organization were received. Anyone purchasing supplies on behalf of CRW should use one of these cards
2. The Lady Bird Lake YRE route started in 1989 is being changed as of 1/1/2018. It will now go east instead of west in order to include a new sculpture, Forever Bicycles, by Ai Wei Wei. A group walk may be held at a future date to introduce the new route.
3. Charles R. reported on walks he took during a long weekend a few weeks ago. He walked YREs in Gatesville, Athens, Tyler State Park, Waxahachie, Waco and an event in Mt.

Vernon. All the walks were well rounded and he learned area history, saw many interesting sights, and got a good feel for the various towns and parks he visited.

**4.** Information about a Meet-Up group, Walk with a Doc, was sent to Carol O. Charles R. will make contact with the group and find out more about it.

**5.** On 1/1/2018, AVA will implement its first virtual online challenge/program, 401K: Invest in Your Health. This program will allow you to post, your Volks- walk online (kilometers or steps) view your progress, see others' progress, and earn a tee shirt on completion. Your steps can be entered manually or with a Fitbit, Garmin, Apple Watch, etc. The cost is \$18. Online registration begins 12/15/2017. More details will be provided in the next Checkpoint.

**Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 – “Ghost” Neighborhood at Onion Creek – Austin

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017 – Featured YRE – Southside Lions Park

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 –Johnson Christmas Lights III – Johnson City

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 – Boerne Christmas Walk – Boerne

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Zeitler, Recording Secretary