

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. January 9, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm by President Tony Laing

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Brigitte DeHart, Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, Gary and Mary Katherine Jeffers, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Maribeth Evans.

Minutes of the December Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Reports for December: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Most of the Income was from the sale of yellow coupon sheets.
2. Expenses - Inventory purchases included; payment for the hoodies and Starting Point books.
3. Expenses - Miscellaneous payments included; website domain name and remaining incidental expenses for 30th Anniversary celebration.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. No new members.
2. Four updates to the membership list.

Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis/Jone Parr:

1. Jone Parr reported that Elaine Hadiacos was in the hospital over Christmas. A Get Well card was sent to her.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:

1. The SVSVC logo'ed hooded sweat shirts have arrived and are being distributed.
2. Tony Laing was contacted by David Freshwater regarding SVSVC patches. Tony will tell David to contact Brigitte DeHart or Carolyn Thurber to get a patch.

Wednesday 5K Walks: The schedule of walks for January has been sent out.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Maribeth Evans will lead the January walk on January 27. The walk start will most likely be at Montgomery Mall.
2. Maribeth Evans will write an article for the next newsletter asking for volunteers to be Group Walk leaders.

Old Business:

1. **November, December, January Edition of the Club Newsletter is online.**
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is January 15, 2018.
 - b. Tony Laing will write an article for the next newsletter asking for more volunteers to be Point Of Contacts for 2018 and future events.
2. **“10, 20, 30 in 2017” Sugarloafers’ Walk Program – Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber stated that she will accept program books until January 31.
3. **17th IVV Olympiad 2021**
 - a. To be removed from the next meeting agenda since we have no action items.
4. **Combine the Men’s and Women’s Dinners**
 - a. January: Men’s dinner will be held at Greene Growlers, Women’s dinner will be held at Out of the Way Cafe.
 - b. February; Combined dinner to be held at Villa Maya in Rock Creek Village Center.
5. **Other:**
 - a. none

New Business:

1. **January Checkpoint released.**
 - a. The AVA “Big Give” club donation will be discussed next meeting.
2. **Other:**
 - b. Carolyn Thurber reported that the MVA Meeting mostly discussed the new event stamps.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2017 Events:

1. **Oct. 15 - Dec. 30, 2017: Kensington Fall Colors/Holiday Lights – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. This seasonal event had a total of 110 walkers, 85 for credit.
2. **March 1 - Dec 31, 2017: Washington Monument on the AT**
 - a. This seasonal event had a total of 30 credit walkers.

Status of SVSVC Unsanctioned and Other Events:

1. **March 16-18, 2018: Atlantic Regional Conference, Sterling, VA.**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber suggested a Book cover, a pair of shoe laces, and a mini pouch be donated by the club. This was approved and Carolyn will make arrangements for the donation.
 - b. Jone Parr stated that the host clubs are looking for volunteers, and that the extra help is greatly appreciated.
 - c. Maribeth Evans will send out Conference reminders to the club members on Feb. 1 and Mar. 1.
2. **March 25, 2018: SVSVC Annual Meeting in Asbury Methodist Village.**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that Diane White has everything arranged, regarding the conference room(s).
3. **April 21, 2018: SVSVC Bus Trip to Harrisburg.**
 - a. The start point is at Comfort Inn hotel. The capital walk starts at the hotel, however the start point for the 2nd walk is 7 miles away.
 - b. Tony Laing will talk with Jackie Johnson to discuss this issue regarding transportation to the 2nd walk start point.
 - c. Jone Parr suggested that Tony Laing contact the walk POC to see if they have hosted bus trips before and to see if they have a possible solution to this issue.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:

1. **January 13, 2018: C&O Canal/Carderock – POCs Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, and Maribeth Evans**
 - a. 47 walkers have pre-registered. Hopefully more will sign up before this Saturday.
2. **March 11 - May 6 2018: Kenwood Cherry Blossoms, Spring Flowers – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. The brochure and box are ready.
3. **April 7, 2018: Westminster Breakfast Walk – POC Ward Parr.**
 - a. Brochures were available at the meeting.
 - b. The church discounts the breakfast by \$1 for each walker.
4. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. The brochure and box are ready.
5. **September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POC Jone Parr, Alison Andrews**
 - a. No information
6. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. Tony Laing and Jone Parr had a meeting yesterday with Paul Hlavinka of the Muddy Branch Trail Alliance (MBTA) and a representative of Astra Zeneca and the City of Gaithersburg Parks, Recreation and Culture.
 - b. A parking garage and Porta-Pots will be supplied by the sponsors at the start point.
 - c. The MBTA is planning to have a commemorative t-shirt for sale at the start. Jone Parr would like the table for t-shirt sales to be manned by the MBTA.
7. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster**
 - a. No information

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Nancy Fenster

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18 pm