

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2024

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Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Linda Badger

Directors: Gary Oberneufemann, Kathy Lannert, Patty Taylor

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$7,170.93

Welcome and New Members:

Year Round Events (YRE) 2023 – Please send an email to gatewaymilers@gmail.com if you have any questions concerning our Year Round Events.

NOTE: PSB is Physical Start Box; OSB is Online Start Box; All our YRE walks have both sign-in options except the University walk whose start location is closed. ****For OSB** registration, directions, stamps, and payment are done online at my.ava.org; select the state, event, and then the walk. Click on the OSB icon.

*****Please remember to go back into the OSB after the walk; select Finish Table so transactions to our club and AVA are completed. Thank you**

- **Edwardsville, IL (OSB) (PSB) - POCs: Linda and Bill Badger**
- **O'Fallon, IL (OSB) (PSB) – POC: Lois La Fleur**
- **Kirkwood, MO (OSB) (PSB) – POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky**
- **Richmond Heights MO (OSB) (PSB) - POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky**
- **St. Louis MO-Webster Grove (OSB) (PSB) - POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky**
- **University City, MO (OSB and PSB)– POCs: Lois LaFleur**

- **Report on Traditional Walks and trips 2023:**
- **NONE**

- **2024 Upcoming Walks**
- **April 27, 2024: Maplewood MO; POC: Cindy and Tom Stucky**
- **Nov 2, 2024: Richmond Heights, MO: POC: Cindy and Tom Stucky; This will be a completely different route from the Year-Round Walk.**
- **Possible: Sandy's Back Porch, Belleville, IL**

- **Mid America Conference: Now on AVA website; Sanctioned 12-18 June, 2024; Traditional Walks Friday afternoon 14 June to Sunday morning 16 June. All walkers are able to sign up on Online Start Box with option to sign up day of Traditional Walk.**
- **Our club is sponsoring the Saturday 15 June walk at Bardstown KY. We will need some volunteers to help set up signs, work the Start Table, and work the door prize table. We will do our **group walk starting at 9:00 am.****

- **Items from the floor:**

- AVA Checkpoint information: The Board of Directors held a meeting on February 13. They are organizing a trip to Crazy Horse by bus for walkers who want to participate in the biannual Crazy Horse walk. The Board has also decided to print The American Wander in electronic format beginning with the next issue. Members can still request for a printed copy. Accomplishments by members will still be available by following a link on the website.
- Our 2025 Biennial Convention will be held in Las Cruces New Mexico. Tentative dates April 28 – May 2 with pre and post walks. Lots more to follow.
- New AVA policy on participation fees for children 12 and under. During the February 2024 AVA Board meeting, the board passed a new policy that allows AVA clubs to determine if they will charge a participation fee for children twelve and under who do not stamp books. If children twelve and under are charge the \$4.00 participation fee, the club must pay AVA its part of the participation fee (\$2.00) and report them as a paid participant. The policy went into effect as of the February board meeting.
- **Remember**, if you have any places, you think would be great for a walk email us at: gatewaymilers@gmail.com.

- **New AVA Walk Fees**: The fees for walking each walk have increased to \$4.00 per person if registration is done online. The Milers have decided to keep the price of \$3.00 for walkers using the Physical Start Box. The Saint Louis Walkers are charging \$4.00 per person for the online registration and for the Physical Start Box. The Illinois Trekkers will decide what the walk fees will be at their March Meeting.

- **2024 Club Membership**:

- Membership for the year 2024 is now due. Membership is \$6 per person and \$12 per family. You can download the form, located on our weekly Miler Message or on our Miler Website: gatewaymilers.org. You can give us your membership at one of our walks or mail to the address located on the membership page.

Please remember to **check gatewaymilers.org for any last-minute changes prior to our Saturday walks**. We will also post on Facebook and send out a Miler Message with any changes.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is May 14, 2024 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Check out our weekly Miler Message as we will post a week before the meeting the Zoom meeting information.

Zoom Meeting ID: 8800041028 **Password**: 4uPZK7

Linda Badger
Secretary

Lois LaFleur
President

