

## GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2019

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**President: Bill Badger**

**Vice-President: Rosalie Maul**

**Treasurer: Cindy Stucky**

**Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com**

**Directors: Ann Mattingly, Paul Gorom, Gordon Brown**

**Members:** We have **76 club members!**

**Treasurer:** We have a balance of: \$9,925.94. Nineteen hundred dollars is being held for the Ireland Trip.

**Report of recent cancelled University City Soup Walk:** from Deb Kruep – when a walk is cancelled due to extreme weather the sanctioning fee is credited to the club. Cindy Stucky will check with AVA to get our refund. For the Girl Scouts that had paid in advanced Deb returned their checks. We did talk about having a soup walk in November. The Gordon's are going to check with the church (our start/finish location) and see if they have any Saturday dates open in November.

**Mardi Gras Walk:** We had over 100 walkers, 35 scouts and about 30% new walkers. There were 17 merchants who paid \$10 each for beads. We had so many beads left over from previous years that Deb only had to buy one bag of beads. This was the last year for the Mardi Gras walk. Mark Mackey, the resident chef, is retiring this year and he agreed to cook for the walk until he retired. A very special thank you to Mark Mackey and Deb for all their work with this great walk.

### **Proposed 2019 Walks and Activities:**

- Apr 13, 2019 – Bunny Hop Walk O'Fallon IL – POCs - Paul and Regina Gorom – walk is all set. This year there will be several \$20 Gift Certificates for walkers who go to all stores. Their names will be put in the raffle for the drawing later in the day
- May 18, 2019 - Cliff Cave County Park Walk St. Louis MO – POCs Cindy and Tom Stuckey- excited for this new walk. There will be lunch served at the walk for a minimum cost.
- Sep 28, 2019 – Highland Silver Lake Walk Highland IL – POC – Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul
- Oct 12, 2019 – Fiends and Phantoms Walk St. Louis MO – POC – DeAnne and Gordon Brown
- **Please send all walk location ideas to: [gatewaymilers@gmail.com](mailto:gatewaymilers@gmail.com)**
  
- **TRIPS** – We are looking into doing a weekend trip to Giant City IL late fall and explore the trails, do some winery tours, maybe some shopping. There are several hotels in Carbondale we are checking out. As we get more of the details, we will let you know. Lodging and transportation will be on your own but we will look into carpooling.
  
- **Year Round Events**
- **Edwardsville IL** - POCs: Linda and Bill Badger
- **O'Fallon IL** – POC: Lois La Fleur We have a new 10K so make sure you take directions. We are also adding another 5K walk soon.
- **Katy Bike Trail** – This YRE no longer has a start point. This will now be a mail in only to register. The current POC for the Herman start is unable to take on the responsibility. There were about 5 riders last year. The officers and directors in attendance at the meeting did a vote to retire the Kay Bike Trail event after 2019.
- **Oakland Historic District-Belleville** – POC: Rosalie Maul
- **University City MO** – POCs: Deanne and Gordon Brown
- **Kirkwood MO** – POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky
- **O'Fallon IL Bike event:** Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul - The bike trail is slowly getting finished. Once completed we will start offering this new bike trail.

**Meet-Up Membership** – The officers and directors voted at the meeting to continue with this membership. The officers and directors voted to pay another \$89.00 for six more months of membership.

**Girl Scouts Activities** – Our Girl Scout agreement with the Missouri Girls Scouts has lapsed. To continue working with the Girl Scouts we must renew the membership, \$30 fee, and have a booth at their Round Up in October. Deb Kruep is willing to continue being our Girl Scout representative. The officers and directors voted to pay the \$30 fee and have a booth in October at the Girl Scout Round Up. Deb will keep us up to date with anything concerning the Girl Scouts.

### **Items from the floor:**

- The club officers and directors voted to donate \$150 to AVA during the “Big Give” campaign. The money collected during that time period greatly helps keep the AVA running and allows all of us to continue to enjoy the great walks all over our country.
- Mark Kruep asked if the club would sanction an IVV walk for the Gateway Miler members taking the Ireland Trip. The cost of sanctioning a walk is \$25. Cindy Stucky is looking into how to request the sanctioned walk and what the total cost would be. The officers and directors voted to approve the sanctioned walk.
- Deb and Mark Kruep have proposed having 4 general meetings, beside our regular club meetings, to bring in members and non-members to learn more about our club and AVA, the different tasks the officers, directors, and walk POCs do for our club, what type of volunteer positions we have etc. These meetings will also be a great place to get to know each other better and share ideas. Mark and Deb would like to put a committee together to get this started. We have our Christmas Party but other ideas are the Volunteer Appreciation, maybe a Spring and Fall Fling.
- Lois had several inputs: She is working on ensuring all officers have a backup and that the backups know how to carry out that position. For example, our V.P Rosalie also takes care of sanctioning our walks. Cindy also knows how to sanction walks. Lois is also in charge of club supplies for our walks. Some supplies are ordered through AVA and other supplies must be printed out for each Traditional Walk. She has printed out a list of all supplies in the containers plus the walk/parking signs and put all the printed items on a thumb drive. We will continue to ensure we have backups for our positions.
- Lois also expressed the idea to have a trip to the Chesterfield Outlets after one of our walks. Those at the meeting liked the idea so we decided after the 30 March Creve Coeur walk, we will have lunch at the Creve Coeur Lakehouse. After lunch those who want can join us for the trip to the outlets. If you want more information contact Lois at: 618-660-6396.
- AVA Biennial Publicity Contest: we are going to submit in several areas: Traditional/YRE Brochure, Club Website and the Club Logo.
- June AVA Convention in Albany N.Y. – Bill Badger is our voting representative. If you are interested in going or would like more information about the convention send an email to Lois: fleurs 1106 @gmail.com.

**Reminder:** Our 2019 Gateway Miler membership form is on our website. We will have the membership form available at our traditional walks.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting is **May 14th at Bandana’s Restaurant**. Meet at 6:15 if you would like to order food. Meeting will start at 6:30pm. We’d love for you to join us and share ideas for future walks and trips.

Lois La Fleur  
Gateway Milers Secretary