GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2018

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President: Bill Badger

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Directors: Deb Kruep, Ann Mattingly, and Paul Gorom

Members: We have 90 club members!

Treasurer: We have a balance of: \$9,519.03. Two thousand dollars is being held for the Ireland Trip.

Nomination of Officers and Director: There were no new nominations for club officers. All current officers agreed to stay on and serve in their positions for 2019. For the open Director position there was a nomination for Gordon Brown to serve in that position. Gordon accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and all were in favor of Gordon Brown being our newest Director. Deb Kruep is our outgoing director. We thank her for being a director for 3 years.

- <u>Updates on Upcoming Walks and Adventures:</u>
 Girl Scout Activities Nov 10th Mastodon State Park Deb Kruep is our POC for this event. She asked for volunteers to assist and many came forward to help out. This is an AVA Community Event (ACE) with the Girl Scouts and their family walking a 5k trail and doing some activities during the walk. The Miler volunteers will walk the trail once all the Girl Scouts have completed the walk.
 - **December Holiday Party** Carol Reznicek and Lois LaFleur are the POCs. The event is 1 Dec at Tayern on the Main Restaurant. The luncheon will start at 11:15 with the walk starting at 1:30. The walk starts at the restaurant. This is Giving Walk with us passing out candy canes, the club will provide these, and if you would like bring a couple small gifts to hand out along the walk. Ideas are: candy bars, Xmas decorations, Lottery Tickets etc. A vote was taken on the amount to spend on the holiday party, volunteer gifts and give aways. An amount of \$500 was suggested and voted on; all were in favor of that amount.
 - Opt Outside Friday Nov 23rd University City. Come on out and join us as others do the shopping!!

Proposed 2019 Walks and Activities:

- Jan 19th Ice Carnival Soup Walk University City; Deanne and Gordon Brown
- Mardi Gras Walk-tentative March 2nd; Deb Kruep and Mark Mackey are taking on this walk again. It is a great walk and event and our walkers and merchants love it.
- Apr 13, 2019 Bunny Hop Walk O'Fallon IL POCs Paul and Regina Goroms
- May 18, 2019 Cliff Cave County Park Walk St. Louis MO POCs Cindy and Tom Stuckey
- Please send all walk location ideas to: gatewaymilers@gmail.com

Year Round Events (YREs):

- Oakland Historic District-Belleville POC Rosalie Maul
- Edwardsville POCs: Linda and Bill Badger
- O'Fallon IL POC: Lois La Fleur
- Katy Bike Trail; POCs: Debra Kruep and Missy McBride
- University City MO POCs: DeAnne and Gordon Brown
- Starting in 2019 our newest YRE Kirkwood MO with the POCs Cindy and Tom Stucky
- All YREs are listed on the AVA website under the Event section.

Website continuation of Service: The Go Daddy account is due to expire in November. The cost to renew is \$450 for 3 years. We are going with a new company called Bluehost. The cost is \$188 for 5 years which is a very good price. Tom is going to look into adding more photos to our website.

<u>MeetUp:</u> The host organizer is Linda Badger. Deanne Brown is now in charge of writing information about the Miler walks and adding to the MeetUp account.

Items from the floor:

The Gateway Milers were asked to be the POC for a 2020 Missouri seasonal walk Apr - Dec at Cuiver River. More to follow about this.

Bus Trips: It takes a lot to put together weekend or longer bus trips. We are looking at maybe doing day trips and/or two-day trips closer to our local area. They would be convenient for you to travel on your own or look at carpooling. More to follow.

Lois LaFleur discussed the Miler shirts available for sale. She will bring them to the next few events and sell them at a reduced cost. We are looking at new ideas for club shirts.

Reminder: Our 2019 Gateway Miler membership form is on our website. We will have the membership form available, to fill out, at our next traditional walk Jan 19th.

<u>NEXT MEETING:</u> Our next meeting is **Jan 8th at Fortel's Pizza 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