

MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Revised

May 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Mid-Florida Milers annual membership meeting was held at the Maitland Public Library, Maitland, FL, in the large meeting room. The meeting was officially called to order by President Cathy Metherell at 11:40 am. A quorum was established with sixteen memberships and seven proxies. The meeting was attended by 21 members, and also included a pot luck luncheon. A big Thank You to everyone for the yummy contributions provided for our great lunch!

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 20, 2022 annual meeting were approved and accepted by the membership.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Cathy Metherell presented the following Current Balance Sheet information:

- Checking Account: \$3982.92
- Total Assets (Checking, Savings, CDs, petty cash): \$10,667.98

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chair, David Piatt, presented the following updates.

- Data as of May 20 2023: Memberships 54, Members 83
Compares to last year at this time: Memberships 58, Members 89.
- Dave also mentioned that the MFM annual membership drive will run from June 1 through July 31 for Memberships from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Single memberships are \$15 and couple or family memberships are \$25.

ROUTES AND TRAILS REPORT

Vice President Dan Barnett handed out an updated Schedule of the walks for the rest of 2023.

- These include 13 more YREs, 3 more Traditional Events and the Walk Around Florida (WAF32) event.
 - TE for July 15th is an event that David Piatt is working on which will include the downtown Orlando Creative Village area and South College Park.
 - TE for Oct 21st will be a walk in Sanford which Dan Barnett is working on from a walk Mike Lanpher created several years ago; and will include lunch at the renowned Willow Tree Café (German Restaurant).
 - TE for Nov 18th will be through the historical area and neighborhoods in Longwood. Jo-Anne Cross is working on this and it will be the same day as the annual Longwood Arts & Crafts Festival.
 - WAF32 will be held in the St. Petersburg area the last weekend of October from 27- 29 2023 and will include 4 walks and a swim.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

As editor of the Quarterly MFM Newsletter, Dan Barnett reminded all members to submit the pictures they take on any of their walks and any stories they may have concerning any walks/events they have experienced. It's fun and interesting to see and hear what our members are doing and we would love to have you share with everyone. Just email to Dan. Thanks.

VOLUNTEER REPORT

Dan presented Volunteer opportunities currently open for members to provide assistance to our Club.

- Routes and Trails Committee:
 - For several years now, the MFM Board of Directors have been attempting to solicit at least three more members who would like to assist in the process of creating future Traditional Events. Our annual walk schedules for the most part include walking our “Year-Round Events” twice a year but we all enjoy something new and different. Over the last several years The BOD has attempted to provide at least 4 or 5 Traditional (one-time) walks. We would like to thank Michael Kirchner, David Piatt, Dan Barnett, and Jo-Anne Cross for taking the lead on the 2023 Traditional Events.
 - Please contact any Board Member to obtain information on how you can volunteer and learn about creating an AVA event.
- The position for Publicity Coordinator is open. We thank Letty Zook for her many years of managing this task for the Club. The role involves preparing and distributing articles to the local media (i.e., Local newspapers) on upcoming walks and events hosted by The Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club during the year.

NOTE: Following the Annual Meeting our member Veronica Palacios has volunteered for the Publicity Coordinator. She will be reaching out to Letty Zook for some initial guidance. Thank you so much, Veronica!

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections of Officers: President, Cathy Metherell presided over this year’s elections.
 - The position of Vice President needs to be filled for the next two-year term 2023 -2025. Cathy put the offer out to the attending membership since we have not had any interest. Thank you to Paul Erickson for raising his hand and volunteering. Paul already wears several hats for our club and it is with much appreciation that we welcome his offer to also take on the Vice President position at this time.
 - The position of Treasurer is open for the 2023-2025 two-year term. Cathy opened the offer to the attending membership and graciously, Dan Barnett volunteered to accept this position. Dan also wears a number of hats for our club and it is with many thanks we say “Thank you, Dan for all that you do!”.

Both Paul Erickson and Dan Barnett were elected to their positions unanimously.

- WAF32 Update: Cathy Metherell and Dan Barnett
 - The first meeting of the WAF32 committee was held on April 29 at the Celebration Town Tavern, following the MFM Celebration1 walk event.
 - The host club this year for WAF32 is the Suncoast Sandpipers and will be held in St. Petersburg, FL on the weekend of October 27 - 29.
 - There will be 4 walks and a swim.
 - Hotel is the Comfort Inn North, St. Petersburg, 2260 54th Ave. N., (I-275 exit 26) Saint Peterburg, FL. 33714.
 - As with all WAF events, there will be plenty opportunities for volunteers to assist to make this annual weekend event a success. Watch for further information.
 - The WAF32 Flyer may be found on our website @ www.midfloridamilers.org.
- Bus Trip 2024:

President Cathy Metherell offered to the membership the possibility of a Club bus trip to South Florida for the opportunity to walk our Year Round Events there. She is looking at next April and asked for those who would be interested to raise their hands. The majority (if not all) in the room raised their hands, yes.

Cathy will begin to look at available bus lines and hotels. More information to come!

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

President Cathy Metherell presented the following awards.

MFM Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of:

Tom Carter	POC for Maitland YRE
JoAnne Cross	POC for Orlando Downtown & South YREs
John Hunter	POC for Orlando North YRE
Michael Kirchner	POC for Winter Park YRE
Jan Van Vlack	POC for The Villages, Lake Sumter
Gerry Vannienwenhove	POC for The Villages, Spanish Springs
Dan Barnett	Contributions to the Club as Vice President
Kent Allingham	Contributions to the Club as Treasurer
Sharon Axelrod	Contributions to the Club as Secretary
David Piatt	Contributions to the Club as Membership Chair
Jenny Thomas	Contributions to the Club as Year Round Event Coordinator

MFM Volunteer of the Year: Paul Erickson as the Club Event Registration Coordinator

MFM Volkssporter of the Year: Leslie Stone for Completing AVA Walks in all 50 States, and 51 Capitals.

MFM President's Award: Howard Daughtrey for his time managing the Celebration 1 and 2 events, and a special thanks from Cathy for encouraging her to think outside the box.

ADJOURNMENT

Cathy Metherell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Sharon Axelrod
Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club, Secretary