

MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The MFM Quarterly Board meeting was held at the home of Cathy Metherell. President Cathy Metherell called the meeting to order at 10:07am. A quorum was present: Cathy Metherell, President, Paul Erickson, Vice President, Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, and Dan Barnett, Treasurer. Also in attendance were Dave Piatt, Membership Chair, Jenny Thomas, YRE Coordinator and John Hunter, Operations Support & Orlando North YRE Walk Monitor.

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 23, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting were approved and accepted.

Reminder: During this meeting the BOD approved the following change in walk registration times: May through September registration will be from 8:00 – 8:45 am; October through April registration will be 8:30 – 9:15 am; and the registration time for The Villages' walks will remain 9:00 – 9:30 year-round.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dan Barnett presented the following.

- Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2024:
 - Checking Account \$4,996.34
 - Business Savings Acct \$1,523.42
 - Fairwinds CDs \$5,491.89
 - Petty Cash \$ 35.00
 - Membership Share \$ 5.00
 - Total all Assets= \$12,051.65

- Net Income YTD= \$ 577.63

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Piatt, Membership Chair, provided the following:

- As of today, we have 50 memberships and 74 members. This count is in alignment with last year's count around this time period.

REVIEW OF 2025 WALK SCHEDULE

YREs: Dates reviewed and all looked good.

TEs: -Big Tree Park on Feb 15 has been sanctioned and pre-walked. All set to go.

-Lake Baldwin on March 15 is based on the 2013 Convention Walk but Cathy had to change the start location to Blue Jacket Park. Cathy has checked it out & looks good. Lots of Parking but we should suggest that our walkers park on the North side of the Parking Lot, and bathrooms are available in the park. Special Programs include Veterans and Par for the Course. Cathy has walked the 6K. The 10K needs to be pre-walked.

-San Sebastian Trailhead (Altamonte Springs) is scheduled for May 17; Cathy will review the last walk we started from there. Following this walk we will hold our Annual

Membership Meeting and lunch at nearby Tibby's Restaurant. Cathy has already reserved a room.

-Oakland Nature Center in the shady city of Oakland is on the schedule for July 15. We will review the walk we did in March 2017.

-Winter Park @ Cady Way Trail is scheduled for December 20th. We will review the Christmas Walk we did in 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

- WAF 34: MFM is Host Club for WAF34 Nov. 7 through Nov. 9
 - Cathy has signed the contract with the hotel. Fairfield by Marriott, 6073 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy., Kissimmee: \$117 a night, available 11/06 thru 11/10 (complimentary breakfast, WIFI, fitness center, and parking) They have a small meeting room we can rent for Friday and overflow into the lobby available after 10:00am on Friday
 - Proposed schedule:
 - Swim will be available at the Hotel Pool
 - Friday pm at one of the Celebration YRE walks
 - Sat. am at St. Cloud (we did walk 4/20/24). Pavilion for \$100
 - Sat. pm at Kissimmee (we did walk 12/21/2024). We may start at the marina area where there are restrooms and pavilions. Cathy will check on the costs for the Pavilions in the area.
 - Sunday am at Lake Nona Medical City (we did walk October 5, 2024). Cathy will check on setting up a registration area in the large CODE garage; restrooms across the street at Starbucks.
 - Next Steps:
 - Restaurant: Cathy will check out places not too far from the hotel which would be able to accommodate us. Possibilities: American Legion in Kissimmee; Delta Resort near the hotel.
 - First Meeting with all 3 club representatives: Zoom meeting maybe second week of February around 5:00?
 - Contact City/Towns etc.: Cathy working on this as well.
 - Creation of Tasks & Responsibility List: Sharon A. will start with last year's list and update appropriately.
- Financial Audit 2021-2024
 - Cathy is planning on asking Leslie Stone (treasurer, Happy Wanderers); however, I suggested maybe Sharon Predham (a previous MFM treasurer) would be agreeable to doing the audit for us. She is busy during tax season so it would have to be after she finishes with her volunteer work doing that. I will check with Sharon P. If she is not available, Cathy will reach out to Leslie Stone. We had also discussed putting a message out to our membership to see if anyone else would be willing to do this audit. We are four years behind on this.

NEW BUSINESS

- May 17 Annual Meeting
 - Walk the San Sebastian Trail. The Meeting will follow at Tibby's Restaurant in Altamonte Springs. Cathy has reserved a room. We will discuss sending

- a notice to the membership, the meeting agenda, and attendance signup, at our April Quarterly Board Meeting, or sooner if it is necessary.
- Review two articles from the December AVA Checkpoint
 - Proper Attribution for Event Direction Maps: A reminder from AVA that our event maps should contain a footnote with a copyright showing club name and date. Jenny has begun doing this with our Traditional Event maps, and we'll eventually include on all YRE maps.
 - Grouper Strider Program has been discontinued and replaced with the Grouper RSVP program. This announcement explains the differences but does not include anything about changing the AVA registration forms. We will make any appropriate changes when advised by AVA.
 - John Hunter requested approval to get rid of the 8 MFM old, foldup, metal chairs that he has in his storage shed. These have not been used for years. The Board approved. John will sell at a Garage Sale and give the club whatever he gets for them; maybe to put towards a couple of newer, extra chairs to keep in storage if needed.

Our next Quarterly BOD Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club