

MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Mid-Florida Milers potluck luncheon and annual meeting were held at Beardall Senior Center in Orlando, following a Traditional Walk event developed by Cathy Metherall and aptly named Meandering through Old Orlando. The meeting was officially called to order by President Cathy Metherell at 11:15 pm. A quorum was established with twelve memberships attending and seven proxies received.

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 17, 2025 annual meeting were approved and accepted by the membership.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Dan Barnett presented the Balance Sheet as of the first quarter, April 30 2026:

Current Assets:

• Business Savings	1,525.
• Checking, Account	6,955.23
• Fairwinds CD (63)	3,229.30
• Fairwinds CD (71)	2,473.08
• Membership Share	5.00
• Petty Cash	35.00
Total Assets:	14,223.09

Liabilities & Equity:

Liabilities

• WAF Funds Collected WAF2025	661.39
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These funds will be used toward WAF 2026.

Equity

• Opening Balance	11,955.99
• Retained Earnings from last year	1,034.93
• Net Income this year	507.78
Total Equity	13,561.70

Total Liabilities & Equity 14,223.09

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chair, David Piatt, provided the following update:

- As of May 14, 2026: Memberships 43 and members 62
Last year at this time we had 51 memberships and 76 members.
Our membership has gone down the last couple years. If you have family or friends who enjoy walking, please invite them to come and experience our events.
- Our membership renewal campaign will begin June 1. MFM membership runs from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Single memberships are \$15 and couple or family memberships are \$25.
- If your basic information (address/phone number/ & email) has not changed you may renew at any walk during registration or mail a check to MFM PO Box. If you do have changes, please fill out the membership form on our website and renew at any walk or mail to the MFM PO Box. Mid-Florida Milers, PO Box 4575, 221 Driggs Rd., Winter Park, FL., 32793

ROUTES AND TRAILS REPORT

Cathy Metherell reviewed the upcoming scheduled events:

- May 30: Orlando North, Marks St. Senior Center, YRE
- June 6: Celebration #2 YRE
- June 20: Shoppes/Eastwood Publix, TE (Traditional one-time Event)
- July 18: Winter Park YRE, Winter Park/Amtrak Station

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Quarterly Newsletter Editor, Dan Barnett provided the following:

- Dan explained that he shares articles from AVA TAW (The American Walker) and AVA Checkpoint within the Newsletter.
- Dan requests that walkers take pictures when they are out walking any walks and send them to dnlcssb@aol.com or text to 808.342.8584.
- He also requested any walkers who are traveling and walk any AVA walks to please consider writing an article for the Newsletter about the walks on their trip.

VENDOR MERCHANDISE REPORT

Vendor Coordinator, JoAnne Cross presented the following:

- The new blue Tee Shirts are available & she currently has a supply of both men's and women's sizes. They are polyester, lightweight and perfect for the summer months. Long sleeve are \$22 and short sleeve are \$20.
- Name tags are available to order but JoAnne must place at least 2 orders at a time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections of Officers:
Vice President Paul Erickson presented the elections for this year's Board Member positions that were due for re-election.
 - The position for President was up for re-election for the next two years. Cathy Metherell had agreed to the next two years, if no one else was ready to volunteer.
 - The position for Secretary was up for re-election for the next two years. Sharon Axelrod had also agreed to the next two years, if no one else was ready to volunteer.
 - There were no volunteers or other nominations. Cathy and Sharon were unanimously approved and thanked.
 - Since Cathy and Sharon have held these positions for many years, we would like all our members to think about volunteering for these opportunities in 2028. It is a great way to learn more about AVA & our club. Your time on the MFM Board of Directors will prove to be a rewarding experience for you and greatly appreciated by the members of our club.
- Discussion was held to change from a 45-minute Walk Registration window to a 30-minute Walk window and was accepted and approved.
 - Our summer hours for most of all our events will be 8:00 to 8:30
 - The Disney Springs walk will change to 8:45 to 9:15
 - The Villages two walks will remain at 9:00 to 9:30

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Cathy Metherell presented the following Awards:

- Cathy presented The Volkssporters of The Year award to Susan Florer and Kevin Hoolihan for volunteering at all our Checkpoints during WAF34.

- Cathy presented MFM Certificates of Appreciation to the following members for their support in volunteering to various positions for our Club:
 - Tom Carter – Maitland POC; Transporter for Walk Event materials
 - JoAnne Cross- Orlando South & Orlando Downtown POC; Vendor Coordinator
 - Howard Daughtrey – Celebration 1 & 2 POC
 - John Hunter-North Orlando POC; Transporter for Walk Event mate
 - Paul Erickson- Vice President; Registration Coordinator
 - Dan Barnett- Treasurer; Newsletter Editor; Brochure Creator, Event Sanctioning
 - Sharon Axelrod- Secretary; Volunteer Coordinator
 - Jenny Thomas- YRE Coordinators.
- The following Mid-Florida Milers Awards will be presented to recipients at an upcoming walk since they were unable to attend the meeting:
 - Certificate of Appreciation to: to Jan Van Vlack-The Villages Sumter Landing & The Villages Spanish Springs POC.
 - MFM President's Award: to Dave Piatt for his years handling the MFM membership responsibilities and the MFM website responsibilities.
 - Volunteer of the Year: to Veronica Palacios for all her work as our Publicity Coordinator.
- On behalf of The Board of Directors and the annual MFM Meeting Participants, Dan Barnett and Jeanne Stokes presented The AVA Meritorious Service Award to Cathy Metherell for all her work and efforts as our Club President.
- A Raffle for two gift bags was held and the two winners were Sharon Axelrod and Dan Barnett.

ADJOURNMENT

Cathy Metherell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their participation.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Sharon Axelrod
Secretary, Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club