

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS MONTHLY MEETING
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 8, 2001**

Officers Present: Tom Doyle (President); Bonnie Hamer (Vice President); Karen Reger (Secretary); Treasurer (Bob Sparks), Assistant Treasurer (Russ Crane)

In Attendance: 24

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with an introduction of Barbara Flesch, a yoga instructor, by Judy Fritz, Meeting Program Coordinator. Barbara talked about the benefits of doing yoga to help us in our walking, and then she had the group stand up and do some yoga stretches.

Everyone introduced themselves to the group. Karen Reger is now the new secretary, succeeding Judy Meidl, who had held the position for five years. Russ Crane is now going to help Bob Sparks with Treasurer duties. Bob gave the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance on October 19, 2000, was \$2,590.77, and the balance on hand as of January 8, 2001, was \$1,174.92. (A breakdown is included with this report.)

The next meeting will be at the Middleton Public Library on February 12, 2001. The speaker will be Jim Draeger of the State Historical Society speaking on "Wisconsin Architecture, Continued." The March meeting has not been set yet, but the April one will be at the Willy Street Co-op.

The exact number of club members is not known for sure, but 175 newsletters were printed, just a few more than what was needed to mail out.

Bonnie Hamer mentioned that last year, more people from Wisconsin did the Capitol Walk than people from out of state.

The *Starting Point 2001* books are in and are for sale from Stores. There are also a number of state bars for those interested.

The year-round and seasonal events booklets for 2001 have now been printed. One correction: the Devils Lake State Park seasonal walk is a 12K, not a 10K. A few people have already done some of the year-round walks. The next special event will be a snowshoe/skiing/walking (depending on the weather) outing on January 27 at the Riverland Conservancy near Merrimac, put together by Bill and Beth Levers.

The club award this year for the Syttende Mai will be a tumbler, again done by Kim Stanfill-McMillan, to complement the previous awards she has made for us.

In answer to a question, Don Suloff indicated that the Middleton year-round would be difficult to do when there's a lot of snow and/or ice. Nancy Spaeni, event box coordinator for the Arboretum year-round, said that Bluephies Restaurant no longer serves breakfast. She will look into that further, to check on the hours they are open.

Phil and Karen Crawford from Mineral Point talked about an AVA walk they had done in North Carolina.

Tom Doyle brought up the subject of giving discounts to frequent walkers as an incentive to do more walks. This may be a subject for further discussion.

Ruth Pederson has been gathering data from club members about T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. No one item has garnered enough votes to make it a stand-out, but the club will definitely have something for members in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Reger