

**Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Madison Eastside
December 4th 2011**

Officers Present: Liz Odgren (President), Gwen Kraemer (Vice President), Mary Liebig (Secretary), Kristi Kenyon (Treasurer)

Board Members Present: Barb Borde (Board Director at Large), Russ Crane (Webmaster) Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator), Tom Doyle (Membership Chair)

In Attendance: 43

Some of those in attendance completed a 5K version of the Madison Eastside walk prior to the meeting. There was a Chili potluck supper with table service and beverages provided prior to the business meeting. Bruce Dewey was presented with a cake to celebrate the completion of walking in all 50 states.

Meeting

President Odgren called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and the agenda was adopted after adding a few items.

Meeting Minutes (Mary Liebig)

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the membership meeting held October 12th 2011, they stand approved as previously emailed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report (Kristi Kenyon)

Kristi had emailed the report to the Board. The report noted income of \$158.00 and expenses of \$1,203.36 since the previous report. Current balance is \$4,198.15. Of this balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Old Business:

President's Position

Russ Crane made a motion to nominate Doug Wiest as Club President for 2012. Tom Gundlach seconded the motion. The motion carried and Doug Wiest will be the next Club President. Doug has enjoyed volkssporting for 31 years, of which 20 were spent in Germany. He has completed 2,200 events.

Newsletter Editor: e-news

Jerry Wilson has expressed interest in publishing an electronic club newsletter in 2012. The club still needs to make a regular mailing in January with the 2012 Blue Book listing of events and information about the January and February walks. After that, we will go electronic. Jerry will not be able to attend board meetings and hopes to have a lot of the articles sent to him by others.

Nominating Committee

Russ Crane and Kristi Kenyon have stepped down from this committee for 2012. Liz asked those present if they had any interest in serving on the committee next year. No one expressed any interest at the meeting, but Liz suggested that anyone thinking about serving on the committee could contact any board member.

Cruise Update

Tom Gundlach reported that ten cabins have been reserved for the Caribbean Cruise May 6-13, 2012 departing from New Orleans. People still have until Wednesday, December 7 to book a cabin at the rate Tom has reserved for the group.

Italy Trip

Barb Borde reminded members about the Volkssporting trip planned to Northern Italy on September 6-19, 2012. Seven walks will be offered, of which four are special events. Three other walks are planned with local clubs. The trip was arranged through Ceta Tours, www.cetatours.com.

New Business:

Snowshoe Event

Barb Lund has made arrangements for a non-sanctioned snowshoe event on Saturday, February 4 at Pope Farms Park. The park is located on Old Sauk Road in Middleton, about three miles west of the beltline. Barb suggested that those needing to rent snowshoes could do so at REI on the west side of Madison. In case of extreme weather conditions, like a blizzard or high wind chill, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, February 11. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing, the route will be walked in hiking shoes.

Volunteer Coordinator

Tom Doyle introduced Tricia Gundlach as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the Dairyland Walkers. Tricia worked as a professional Volunteer Coordinator for the Wisconsin National Guard for ten years. She will be writing job descriptions for the volunteer positions needed and will share her vision in a future newsletter article.

Tuesday Night Walk Leaders

Tuesday night walks are held from mid April to the end of September. The club really needs to have someone in charge at each walk, especially to help potential new members. Club members were told to contact Tricia if they are interested in serving as a Tuesday night leader for some of the walks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Next Board Meeting January 11, 2012 at the Lakeview Branch Library

Next Membership Meeting February 8, 2012, hopefully at the Middleton Public Library. Gwen will call to make the reservation.

Mary Liebig, Secretary