

SENECA VALLEY SUGARLOAFERS VOLKSMARCH CLUB
Monthly Meeting, Thursday, December 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Gaithersburg Library, Room #2, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg MD 20879

Call to Order – Anthony Laing, President, 7:08 p.m.

Attendees: Tony Laing, Darla Fera, David Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Pat King, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Mary Beth Evans, Mike Cannon, Pat Astill, Diane White, Karin Mironescu
Minutes of the October monthly meeting (prepared by Darla Fera): Approved.

Treasurer's Report for November: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber): We currently have 137 members. New membership list was recently emailed to membership. The membership committee consists of Carolyn, Jeff Giddings, Gwen Owens and Janet Brown.

Publicity (Diane White): Nothing to report.

Wellness Report (Jone Parr): Nothing to report.

Sales Report (Kelly Tilton): Nothing to report.

Wednesday 5km Walks (Pat King & Nancy Fenster): 775! walkers so far in 2022. During the winter months, the walk alternate between Montgomery Mall and outdoor locations.

Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans): Will likely organize a walk in Kensington in December, and possibly one in Montgomery Village after Thanksgiving (with Alison Andrews as POC).

Old Business

Deadline for next edition of the SVSVC newsletter is December 15 (Darla Fera): Send submissions to dmfera@starpower.net.

Status of Airport Special Programs (Mike Cannon & Carolyn Thurber): 114 books sold; 32 finished.

SVSVC Club's 35th Anniversary on November 19: The luncheon and festivities were well-received. 52 people RSVPed, and we had one "no-show."

Updated POC (Dave Fenster): Dave is in the process of adding final changes to the document, which will eventually be posted on the website.

Starting Point Books (Carolyn Thurber): Books have been ordered and should arrive in December.

MVA October 15 Meeting – Walktober Day (Tony Laing): Darryl Neily, MVA president, is trying to get on the planning committee for next year's celebration to help ensure volksmarcher participation.

Annual Meeting: Club agreed to hold its annual meeting on March 26 at Ashbury Methodist Village, beginning at 1:30 at the Rosborough Inn. Diane White and Jone Parr are coordinating the meeting.

New Business

December Checkpoint released. Much coverage of the San Antonio Olympiad & IML in February 2023.

Review Master Calendar

Gifts in 2022: AVA, Friends of Seneca Creek.

Atlantic Regional Conference: April 5-7, 2024, Dover, DE.

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2022 Sanctioned Events

Moonlight at Seneca Creek, November 12 (Tony Laing & Maribeth Evans): We had a total of 62 walkers, 18 of whom walker on the previous Wednesday.

2023 Sanctioned Events

1. Croydon Creek, Rockville, April 15 — Jeff Giddings & Alice Filemyr
2. Matthew Henson Park, June 24 — Darla Fera
3. Olney Manor Park Neighborhood , March 4 — Tony Laing, Tom Peto
4. Oktoberfest in Frederick - September 30 — Jone Parr, Alison Andrews & Ellen McAdams (POCs are revising a new trail for 2023 and will eliminate the airport walk).
5. Kentlands East & West Halloween Walk — October 21 - Dave Fenster

Other 2023; 2024

Dave is looking into scheduling another Kentlands walk on the week before Christmas.

Lake Hallowell

Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

Other suggestions: Gwen Owens' walk through the UMD's satellite campus in Germantown.

Club Dinners: Pending (May resume in 2023.)

Door Prize & Adjournment (7:55 p.m.)

Next Meeting: January 12, 2023, 6:30