

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. November 13, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm by Tony Laing

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Pat Astill, Dave and Nancy Fenster

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Expenses included the \$780 payment for the shed for a year.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. Total 161 families, 27 member families did not renew.
2. Carolyn is distributing the new 2018 membership list.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Tony Laing sent an email to Diane. She has sent out the publicity for the Woodlawn Manor and Kensington Fall Colors and Holiday Lights Seasonal events.
2. Jone Parr has sent the C&O Winter Wonderland event information to Diane.

Wellness Committee Report – Jean Francis/Jone Parr:

1. The get well cards seems to be working for Tony Laing and Martin Brown. Both are recovering well.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: No Information.

Wednesday 5K Walks: The schedule of walks for November has been sent out.

1. The walk tomorrow will be from Aspen Hill Local Park to the Parklawn cemetery.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Jone Parr will lead the Montgomery Village/Lake Whetstone walk on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Old Business:

1. **November, December, January Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is January 15, 2019.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber reported that the person in charge of AVA Special Programs has received the proposal. Voting on this Special Program has been placed on the agenda for the January NEC meeting.
3. **Bus Trip to the Daffodil Festival, Gloucester, VA - April 6, 2019**
 - a. It was decided that we charge \$50 per person. If there is enough participation, then we will use the excess proceeds to pay for the event credit fees for the trip members.
 - b. Tony Laing distributed a draft brochure for bus trip. There were several comments and corrections.
 - c. Tony Laing will write a newsletter article for the January edition and update his brochure.
 - d. It was decided that we will not deal with the A award. If people desire this award, then they should contact Annette Tollette directly to reserve/purchase this award.
4. **Presentation at Asbury Methodist Village - May 7, 2019**
 - a. No new information.
5. **Annual Meeting - March 10, 2019**
 - a. Diane White has arranged to use the Hefner Venue at Asbury Methodist Village from 11am to 6 pm for our meeting.
6. **Nominating Committee**
 - a. Nancy Fenster volunteered to be the committee and present the candidates at the Annual Meeting.
7. **YRE at Brooke Grove**
 - a. Tony Laing was told that the residents of Brooke Grove are hyper vigilant. Tony's contact at Brooke Grove will get back to him after checking with others.
8. **Other**
 - a. It was decided to donate to the following organizations.
 - i. Friends of Seneca Creek State Park: \$100 (annual membership fee)
 - ii. Adventist Rehab Hospital, fund for helping others pay rehab costs: \$300

- iii. C&O Canal Association, Kenneth Rollins fund: \$250

New Business:

1. **November Checkpoint** online.
Our club picture was on page 5.
They are looking for candidates for Regional Director, and Deputy RD.
2. **Other**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber brought a copy of The American Wanderer for loan to members at the meeting.

2018 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans:**
 - a. No information.
2. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. Total of 109 walkers, 68 for credit, 41 for free.
 - b. Jone Parr is meeting Paul Hlavinka on Sunday to explore another section of the Muddy Branch Trail for a possible event in 2019.
3. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster**
 - a. Dave Fenster reported that we are able to use the porch of the Meeting House. He is trying to get the Meeting House unlocked so that walkers can use the restrooms.
 - b. There will be additional parking spaces in front of the barn available on Saturday.
 - c. Jone Parr and Tony Laing will retrieve event items from the shed Wednesday.
 - d. Pat Astill and Yvonne Pennington have volunteered to be sweeps.
4. **November 23, 2018: REI Opt Outside – Seneca Creek – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. The walk will start at 10 am. Event brochures have been delivered to REI for distribution.

2019 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **C&O Canal / Winter Wonderland - January 9 2019 – POCs Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Brochures will be available for the Woodlawn Manor event.
2. **Croydon Creek / Glenview Mansion - Apr 13, 2019: – POC Jeff Giddings**
 - a. The brochure has been approved by Bob Schmick and has been posted to the club website. It will be available for distribution in late December.
3. **Frederick Oktoberfest - Sep 28, 2019: – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. Not yet sanctioned - waiting for confirmation of the date.

Possible Other 2019 Events:

1. **Nov 9, 2019: Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk:**
 - a. Jone Parr has sent a letter to the new park ranger regarding use of the park for this event.
2. **Other Possible events:**
 - a. Olney Indoor Pool - no information.
 - b. Bethesda Trolley Trail - no information. REI is a possible starting point for a northern route.
 - c. North Branch Stream Valley - no information.
 - d. Lake Hallowell, Olney - no information

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Tony Laing

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 pm