

**Iowa's Walking Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019**

Guest: Brooke Bensehoteor, Roberta Yoder, and Shirley Poertner.

Program: Denise Essman presented information about the Camino de Santiago-The Way of St. James, and the American Pilgrims on the Camino organization, whose mission is to foster the tradition of the Camino by gathering pilgrims and providing information and encouragement.

Minutes: **Barb Stone.** October minutes approved.

Treasurer: **Susan Pinneke** Balance of \$5574.34. Credit card payments for Angel Avena have showed up again and will be credited back to account.

Membership: 143 members.

Specialties: **Jan Dunn.** Gold event books for members have now been ordered.

Presidents report: **Diana Ronk.** Jim and Martha McGahan have donated a button maker with the supplies. Ideas for using this is being discussed.

Several members have been recognized in the TAW for event and kilometer milestones. Reminder for the #OptOutside walk on Friday in Ames on November 27, at Ada Hayden Park, 11:00 a.m.

No December meeting with a Holiday Party instead at 6:00 p.m. Please bring socks or childrens gloves or mittens for the donation box, a \$10 grab bag gift, your own place setting, and a dish to share. Diana Ronk is providing pulled pork and Jeanne Van Howeling and Johann Schmitt will provide the drinks.

Need someone to sign up for January refreshments.

2020 Committee: **Peggy Watts.** A grant for \$5000.00 has been received from Iowa Tourism.

Jan Knock, Vice President, and her husband have given a generous donation to the 2020 Parks Program.

Tales from the Trails: Some members went to the Omaha Pie Walk. The Veterans Memorial walk was well attended. **Peggy Doane** reminded members that the Altoona walk is still experiencing a detour and to please pay attention to the signs.

Old Business: Voting to change the club bylaws: Change 1. To remove reference to having a safety deposit box. Article VII, Section 4: Don Corrigan made the motion to change, second by Diana Whited. **Approved.**

Change 2. Changing fiscal year to calendar year. Article VI, Section 3. Phyllis Olson made motion to approve change. Second by Peggy Watts. **Approved.**

Officers terms will now be by calendar year also, extending the present officer terms by 6 months, from July to December 2020.

New Business: **Diana Whited.** Presented Merituous Awards to 5 members.

Commendable Service Awards to 6 members, and an Appreciation Award to Whiterock Conservancy for the support they have given the Club.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06

Secretary...Barb Stone

