

## Walking Club Membership Meeting Meeting

The regular monthly membership meeting of Iowa's Walking Club was held October 16, 2021 at Whiterock Conservancy Burr Oak Nature Center, Coon Rapids.

The meeting was called to order by president Jan Knock. Twelve members were in attendance following a 5K group walk.

Board member Peggy Watts was introduced. It was noted that Diana R and Susan P were attending the Freedom Festival Walk in Arlington, Virginia and that Jan would serve in their stead today.

Jan thanked Barb Stone for organizing the event. Unfortunately a health issue prevented her from attending.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the last two meetings are or will be posted on website.

Treasurer Report: Read from report prepared by Susan P. Summary: Just a little over \$4000.00 in checking and \$5000 in savings account. (Note: State park and LFL have been money makers)

Jan explained the AVA "Big Give" and ask for vote on the club donating \$100.00. Motion by Don C and seconded by Peggy W. Motion passed unanimously.

### Membership Report

- a. Members 159 memberships 90 are single and 69 are family. Kati's membership today makes 160!
- b. Historical is around low 140.

### Committee Reports

Weekday Walks –Grandview (18) Urbandale was 12-14. Successful numbers.

Upcoming weekday walks were noted.

### Events

- 11 at Centerville (really 9) with Deb and Barb
- 17 at Davenport
- 26 for Essex
- 32 for Brewery
- 32 For Walk with Wildlife – Jester Park

Upcoming events: Saturday, November 12 10 am start group Veterans Walk: 5k around Capitol Grounds and 10 k adds a lot of public art and architecture downtown.

#OPTOUTSIDE November 26 in Boone. Register 10:30 am walk 11:00 am start HyVee.

Holiday Lights Walk (as a group but must purchase own ticket). Join club members as we walk through the light displays! Please note: This is not an official club walk - and tickets to walk are required, at your own expense. Saturday, November 20 at Adventureland Park. 6:00 pm The walk kicks off Jolly Holiday Lights. This is the public's only opportunity to walk, run, or bike through the route of light displays.

There will be a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy, from holiday crafts and visits with Santa at the Wish Wonderland Pre-Party, to holiday food and drink sampling stations along the route.

To purchase your tickets to Jolly Holiday Lights, click here

(<https://makeawishiowa.ticketspice.com/jolly-holiday-lights-2021>) Register Now!

(<https://makeawishiowa.ticketspice.com/launchthelights>) \$25.00

Old Business – Jan has 6 t-shirts left for sale \$20.0

New business: The club has an opportunity to friend-raise and fund-raise at Christkindlmarket Dec 2, 5 – 7, 4pm-7:10pm at principal park We'll be serving Gluhwein or mulled wine. We can put out a tip jar for cash donations. After your shift you will receive a ticket worth 5% off a purchase in "An der Weihnachtσκε, a ticket for a free brat or drink. Sponsored by the former Des Moines European Heritage Association, now called Iowa European Cultural Connection. Jan will sign us up as a group – email or call Jan to confirm your participation by November 14.

The 2022 officer slate was presented. Further nominations were accepted. There were none. Don C moved nominations cease. Carol seconded. Motion to accept the officer slate as presented passed.

Jan Knock, president. Diana Ronk, v-president. Peggy Watts, secretary. Deb Gaskins, treasurer. Susan Pinneke, director. Nora Hudson, director. Phylis Olson, historian. Diana Whited, past president.

Jan noted a review of 2022 plans for the book is in process. Change to meeting format next year – moving back to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30. Jan -Feb- Mar will be by ZOOM. The board will be hosting a membership party after the April walk. No meeting to be held November or December 2021. Reminder dues are annual – starting January.