

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS MONTHLY MEETING
MARGARET'S COUNCIL RING AT THE ARBOREUM
AUGUST 14, 2002**

Officers Present: Jerry Wilson (Co-President); Bob and Jo Sparks (Co-Vice Presidents); Russ Crane (Treasurer); Karen Reger (Secretary); Barbara Borde (Member at Large)

In Attendance: 22 (in addition, several came for refreshments after the program)

Meeting

Bob Sparks presided over the brief meeting as Jerry Wilson was unable to be present until the program was underway.

Introductions

People introduced themselves, indicating what office they held in the club, when appropriate. There were several visitors who came because of the nature of the program.

Treasurer's Report

At the last Board meeting, on July 10, the club had a balance of \$10,589.38. The present balance, as of today, is \$10,154.53. Of that amount, \$7,374.32 will be used for the upcoming Mackinac bus trip, thus leaving an uncommitted balance of \$2,780.21.

Volunteer List

Barb Borde passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for the club's next one-day walk, at the Middleton Good Neighbor Festival.

Fall Night Walk at Governor Nelson State Park

Don Suloff indicated tentative starting times for the walk at Governor Nelson in October:

Slower 10K walkers – start at 6:30 p.m.

Faster 10K walkers – start at 6:45 p.m.

5K walkers – start at 7:00 p.m.

Program

After an introduction by Jo Sparks, Angie Sparks led the group into Curtis Prairie. As she was pointing out various prairie plants, Bob and Jo handed out cards with illustrations of the plants as well as a short description. At the end of the walk, the cards were able to be put on a ring, making it convenient for people to carry the cards and refer to them in the future. Some of the plants that were pointed out were big blue stem, bergamont, wild indigo, and blazing star.

After the walk, some of the group drove to the Sparks' home and partook of delicious watermelon. Several other club members joined us there.

Submitted by Karen S. Reger