

SAN ANTONIO PATHFINDERS AVA CLUB MEETING

October 14, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Schwencke at 6:03 p.m. with a welcome to the 16 members present. Ellen was thanked for getting the room and the food.
2. The minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting were approved with one correction. Ellen brought up a suggestion by a member that minutes be posted on line so they are available to the members.
3. In the treasurer's absence, Mike reported \$1,181.85 in the checking account and \$5,012.74 in savings. Mike reported that all purchases on the debit card were for food items for scheduled walks. A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to the AVA for the Big Give.
4. AVA has a National Finance Chair with recommendations for non-profits. The Pathfinders and our by-laws are in accordance with this. The by-laws were approved and seconded.
5. Susan who was working on the SanAntonioPathfinders.org website is no longer available. Toni Helbling has offered to take over the website.
6. The 3rd qtr YRE numbers are not available at this time.
7. We had 56 walkers at the Oblate School of Theology walk, and 68 walkers at the Blue Skies walk. This included 27 Blue Skies residents.
8. Upcoming walks for this year are as follows:
November 7-9, 2025 Gonzales and the TVA meeting (workers are needed)
November 12, 2025 Lost Maples State National Park
November 28, 2025 Opt-Out walk at Pearsall Park
December 6, 2025 Boerne Christmas walk and party
December 7, 2025 Christmas Lights walk on the San Antonio river
9. On the back of the agenda there were several suggestions for new areas we could consider for future walks. There was much discussion regarding this and it was tentatively agreed that we would do Best of the Heights on January 3 or 10; Del Webb on February 14; Eisenhower Park on Pi Day (March 14); and Boerne Outdoor Family Fun Fair on March 21, 2026.

10. It was felt that there is not a good outcome from supporting AVA promotions at health and fitness fairs or National Night Out. There do seem to be some results from First Fridays.
11. Workers will be needed to support the IML/Texas Trail Roundup in February 2026.
12. For the AVA 50th Anniversary an event book with stickers is available at the AVA for \$15.
13. One Starting Point book will be ordered by the club.
14. Decisions on purchasing club shirts was deferred.
15. AVA GoWalk Map App. I Was stated that this is convenient with no paper work involved- it is all on the phone. Members were encouraged to become members of this program.
16. New Business: It was voted and approved that we will have a speaker at the next meeting. It was suggested that we ask Henry to attend this meeting.
17. The next quarterly meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2026.
18. The meeting adjourned at 7.23 pm

Respectfully submitted
Pat Gunter, Secretary