

Prairieland Visiting Animals Association

March 7, 2023

The PVAA Meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McHenry, at 6:32 p.m. Members present in person: Maisy Struve, Judy Knoll, Tim McHenry, Gloria Hale, Dennis Hale, Rhonda Knoernschild, Carlie Gurske, Sharon Fricke, Karen Simecka, Julie Hoffman, Rachel Pantos, Jill Stewart, Christian Kramer, Dee, Carolyn Buono, Debra Martin; attending via zoom were Lana Johnson and Tina Gibson. Introductions were made and we welcomed new members.

Minutes: Judy Knoll

- Minutes from 11/1/2022 were reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Julie Hoffman

- Balance as of 3/7/2023: \$2,906.56 this is made up of the general fund: \$2,586.85, the reading program fund: \$245.70, and the donation fund: \$74.01.

Chairperson's Report: Tim McHenry

- A big thank you to Diana Zimmerman and Julie Hoffman for all their help getting everything switched over to the new leadership.
- New meeting protocol: Use the meetings to assign out tasks then report back at the next meeting.
- We would like for PVAA to be a prominent resource for our surrounding community. We plan to use social media and be present at community events to reach this goal.

Old Business:

Reading Program: Debby Martin

- Debby Martin shared an update on the reading program. During the February/March session we had an Average of 30 reading sessions each week. A position called Solicitor has been added to walk around the library and gather people to come over and read.
- We need more content to share on social media, please send Diana Zimmerman photos from therapy visits, holidays, as well as sharing gotcha stories.

Outreach: Tim McHenry

- December: presentation to the Rescue Mission, Finals week at Washburn and Haskell, Stormont's Christmas parade
- January: Multiple teams got involved at the Midland Care centers
- February: Valentines visits, presentation to Delta Gamma
- March: Presentations at Downtown Rotary Club, KU Saint Francis, Perry Lecompton, and Washburn.

Website Update: Julie Hoffman

- There is a column added to the Membership database with registration expiration dates.
- The new member bios are up in the member only area.
- Karen added that the brochure needs updating on the website.

Juvie/Court update: Judy Knoll

- There are currently 9 teams signed up to help with the court, please let Judy know if you would like to be added to the list.
- Scheduling to visit court will work on a rotation basis, if possible we would like for the same team to be present for the whole trial.
- There are currently 8 teams signed up to visit at Juvie, again let Judy know if you would like to sign up to visit.

Procedure Handbook: Tim Mchenry

- Tabled till next meeting

Evaluations: Sharon Fricke

- 4 evaluations planed for this year
- 8 teams passed at our last evaluation!
- Watch out for emails to volunteer to help at evaluations and handler courses.

New Business:

Incident Reports: Tim McHenry

- Tabled

PetPartners Community Partners:

- Julie volunteered to look more into the pros and cons of becoming a Pet Partners Community Partner.

Continued Education:

- Sharon suggested watching training videos.

Google Program: Judy Knoll

- Diana set up our account for Google workspace for non-profits.
- Judy and Rachel volunteered to explore the benefits to using it; includes emails and calendars.

Mentor Program: Tim McHenry

- We are looking for mentors to help newer handlers through the sign up process, let Tim know if you would like to be a mentor.
- Karen volunteered to mentor Alliance members, Carlie, Jill & Bobbi agreed to be PetPartners mentors.

Yappy Hour: Judy Knoll

- Judy is setting up a time and place for us to meet up and share experiences and hangout.

Upcoming Dates:

- Therapy Animal Day- April 30th
- Bark for Life- May 6th
- Next PVAA Meeting- May 9th
- Paws in the Park- May 29th

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.