

PrairieLand Visiting Animals Association

Date Aug. 17, 2020

The PVAA meeting was called to order by Karen Simecka, president, @ 6:30pm. Members present via Zoom: Nan Palmer, Sharon Fricke, , Karen Simecka, Judy Knoll, Nicole Hinck, Denise Moore, Kathy Schlotterback, Jeanene Hoover, Lee Boyd, Diana Zimmerman, Tiffany Zule, Carolyn Buono, Kristen Prekopy, Lori Kline, Julie Hoffman & Carlie Gurske.

Treasury Report: Carolyn Buono

- Ending balance: \$1,300.66, Reading Program Fund: \$302.42, Petty cash: \$23.91. Report filed with Carolyn

Minutes: Carlie Gurske

- Minutes from 3-3-20 were read & approved with amendment to read: a gift card was sent to the Riggs with a Thank You card for their years of dedication to PVAA.

Updates: None

Public Education Coordinator: Sharon

Oct. evaluations

Carolyn, Sharon, & the staff from Prince of Peace will determine if holding the evaluations at the church will take place. Sharon will send an e-mail regarding this.

Sharon has met with several dog teams @ Fairlawn Plaza to provide information & suggestions to become a therapy team.

If anyone is interested in attending Dog Behavior classes, please contact Sharon. Carolyn, Julie & Sharon have attended these beneficial classes.

Old Business: Karen

- The 2 table clothes for the club's display tables are ready for use.
- PVAA T-shirts ordered since the last meeting have been sent out.

New Business: Karen

- Comparison of the 4 dog therapy groups (Pet Partners, Alliance Therapy Dogs, Love On A Leash & Healing Hearts Therapy Dogs) was compiled by Karen. The purpose of the comparisons is to inform new members & guests of the differences of the available groups, list costs, requirements & other information that would be helpful in becoming a dog therapy team. Discussion followed over the various groups mentioned. Julie will help to get this in our website.
- Julie will have a Dog Handlers class in Sept. at the Shawnee County Library. She hopes to get permission to offer the class virtual for the participants not comfortable in attending. Please contact Julie if interested, Julie is changing her e-mail address & will let us know what that is.

- Members voted to cancel the Sept picnic & Dec. Christmas dinner due to COVID & need for social distancing.
- Nominating committee to be formed for Nov. 2 election of officers. The positions open are treasurer & secretary.
- New member packets are being assembled by Karen that will contain: information about PVAA club, introduction letter, congratulations on passing the evaluation, current club officers, volunteering with your animal & membership form. These packets will be given by Kathy at the time of the evaluation review following testing to the handlers.
- Need to update our bios on PVAA website. Send these to Julie after she posts her new e-mail address.
- Sharon, Carolyn & Marty will put together an education workshop on dog behavior for us in the future.
- **Meeting adjourned @ 7:35pm.**

Secretary,

Carlie Gurske