

PrairieLand Visiting Animals Association

Nov.2, 2020

The PVAA meeting was called to order by Karen Simecka, president, @ 6:32 pm. Members present via Zoom: Sharon Fricke, Karen Simecka, Judy Knoll, Denise Moore, Diana Zimmerman, Carolyn Buono, Susan Willard & Carlie Gurske.

Treasury Report: Carolyn Buono

- Ending balance: \$1,303.36, Reading Program Fund: \$302.42, Petty cash: \$23.91. Approved.
Report filed with Carolyn

Minutes: Carlie Gurske

- Minutes from 8-17-20 were read & approved.

Updates: None

Public Education Coordinator: Sharon

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Sharon met with a girl scout group speaking about dog therapy.
Carolyn & Sharon will evaluate the COVID situation regarding the 2021 dog team evaluations.

New Business: Karen

- Election of 2021 officers voted & accepted: Chairperson-Karen Simecka, Vice chairperson,-Kathy Schlotterback, Secretary-Judy Knoll & Treasurer-Diana Zimmerman
Tentative 2021 dates:
- Business meetings: 3-8, 5-10, 8-16 & 11-1
- Picnic: 6-5
- Christmas party: 12-4
- Our club needs to be more visible in our community & within our club. Some of the suggestions offered were:
 1. Club newsletter that could be published quarterly of newsworthy events either for just our club or we could share our news with other pet therapy clubs. Tim McHenry is interested in helping with this.
 2. Development of a social media format. This would broaden our scope making our name more visible in the community. Sharon would be working on this with help from our club members.
- Karen suggested that we look into increasing our yearly dues in 2022 to \$20 for a single person & \$25 for a couple (currently dues are \$10 single/ \$15 couple). This would allow us to reimburse some evaluators renewal cost & other expenses generated by educational seminars & workshops put on by Pairieland in the future.

- Julie will not provide a Handler's class in the near future.
- Karen suggested that our website needs updating. She will work on this & asks for anyone interested to contact her.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:35pm.

Secretary,

Carlie Gurske