

Prairieland Visiting Animals Association

May 9, 2023

The PVAA Meeting was called to order by Tim McHenry at 6:47 pm. Members present in person: Tim McHenry, Jill Stewart, Judy Knoll, Maisy Struve, Debby Martin, Dee Duling, Carolyn Buono, Kathy Stueve, Julie Avard, Diana Zimmerman, Rhonda Knoernschild, Gloria Hale; attending via zoom were David Avard, Julie Hoffman, and Karen Simecka. Introductions were made and we welcomed new members, we also had a presentation from Beta Sigma Phi where they gave us a check for \$150 and some dog treats.

Minutes: Maisy Struve

- Minutes from 3/7/23 were reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Julie Hoffman

- Balance as of 5/9/23: \$3,279.17. That is made up of the General Fund: \$2,712.43 ,the Reading Program Fund: \$245.70, and the Donations Fund: \$321.04. Julie found that there will be no auditing due to the amount of donations we receive. Report was approved.

Old Business:

Reading Program: Debby Martin

- Our next session started on June 4th and we are always happy to have new members join the program.

Social Media Report: Diana Zimmerman

- We are in need of more photos/stories to post please send any photos from visits or cute holiday photos to Diana. Try not to get faces in photos as we can not share those unless we have permission to post from the person.
- Julie will email out brochures you can print and hand out with information on starting out as a therapy handler and about joining PVAA.

Outreach Report: Tim McHenry

- March 7: Perry/Lecompton High School - Presentation
- March 14: Midland Hospice Staff - Presentation
- March 15: KU/St. Francis Pharmacy School Graduation
- March 31: Proclamation Reading at the Capitol for National Therapy Animal Day
- April 8: Easterfest at the Great Overland Station - Booth and Presentation
- April 28: Stormont Picnic recognizing National Therapy Animal Day
- April 29: Paws in the Park - Booth
- May 6: Bark for Life - Booth
- May 8-11: Washburn School of Nursing Finals Week

Website Updates: Julie Hoffman

- Membership database has been updated. Discussed making a tab on the website for our upcoming events or using google workspace/ sign up genius.

Google Workspace: Judy Knoll

- Judy is going to have a small group try out the google workspace where we will have access to emails, chats, and calendars.

Mentor Program: Tim McHenry

- The Mentor Program will be used to help new handlers to navigate the registration process and have options for shadowing.

Visit Schedule: Judy Knoll

- Jill Stewart will be taking over the visit schedule and it will now be organized by facility.

New Business:

Continued Education: Tim McHenry

- Julie at Dog Day Afternoon has offered to do a presentation on stress signals and body language in dogs.

Yappy Hour: Judy Knoll

- Will be used as a time to share stories, talk about dogs and build relationships. Our first yappy hour was held on Thursday May 25th at 5:30 pm at Classic Bean.

Upcoming Events:

- May 10: Kansas Judicial Center
- May 23: Midland Hospice Volunteer Meeting - Presentation
- June 3: Doggie Date Night - Booth
- June 10: PVAA Picnic (postponed)
- July 10: Peace Camp - Presentation
- July 13: First Christian Summer Camp

Miscellaneous:

- Thank you Carolyn Buono for gifting all those present with gift cards to PetSmart in memory of Jasmine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm