

PrairieLand Visiting Animals Association March 4 2019

The PVAA meeting was called to order by Karen Semicka, president, @ 6:30pm, held in Rm 206 (Menninger Room of the Shawnee Public Library). Members present: Karen Semika, Lee Boyd, Carolyn Buono, Sharon Fricke, Marty Metzler, Kathy Schlotterbeck, Sara & Duke Windsor, Jeana Johnson, Carlie Gurske & new member Jacqui Tryon (she & her dog, passed the recent evaluation). Guest and future member, Mary Gleason, was presented.

Karen thanked everyone for their sympathy, kindness & concern over the death of her therapy dog.

Treasury Report: Carolyn Buono

- Ending balance \$1941.42, Reading Program Fund \$302.42, Petty cash \$23.91. Report filed with Carolyn.
- Carolyn reminded members that club dues are past due. Please mail the money to Carolyn's home address.

Minutes: Carlie Gurske

- Minutes from 11-5-18 were read & accepted.

Committee Reports

- None

Unfinished Business

- Psycho-social Program @ Stormont on 1-3-19
 - Sara, Duke and Carlie with their dogs, represented PVAA @ our handout table. There was a great turn out at the program's lunch break with many people stopping by to ask questions & to love our dogs.
- February evaluations: Sharon
 - All of the dog teams that went through the evaluation process passed.
- Bark for Life 3-3-19: Sharon
 - There was a good turn out for the event held at Camo Cross. PVAA had a table with handouts. Kathy, Sharon, Julie & Jacqui represented our group.
- Shawnee County Correctional Facility: Sharon
 - Sharon spoke about the need for more dog teams to volunteer at the facility. Sharon has applications for teams interested in a meaningful experience. Also a poem was read by Sharon from the facility poetically expressing the impact the dog visits have on the residents.

New Business

- PVAA T- Shirts: Karen
 - Idea presented on having the club's new logo screen printed on shirts that would present members as a cohesive group when out at public gatherings. "That Blue" was chosen as the color by members present & an opportunity to place an order was provided. More information will be provided by Karen via e-mail for those not at the meeting. Karen will get with Julie to obtain the updated club logo for the shirts.
- Pet Partner's convention: Karen

- The convention will be held Sept. 20-21, 2019 in San Antonio, TX. There was discussion as to whether our club could help with some of the expenses of those members going. I.e: hotel, registration fees etc. More discussion about these possibilities will be discussed at our next business meeting in May. To date those from PVAA who plan to attend are: Sharon, Betty, Sara, Kathy & Carolyn.
- Teams Wanted: Karen
 - More dog teams are needed at Stormont Vail Health Care (Peds, Cancer Center. Call Volunteer Services), St. Francis Cancer Center (Call Kelli Carr), Florence Ctrriendon (233-0516). Linda McHenry will be sending out an e-mail asking for members to list the facilities where teams are going. This will help our members to see where teams are visiting & the areas of need.
- Karen printed PVAA business cards for those who want to hand out cards during their visits. Thank you Karen for doing this for our club.
- ` PVAA E-mail site: Karen
- Members do not have access to send an e-mail to members of our group. Karen will contact Julie regarding this.
- Reading with dogs: Karen
 - Reading with The Prairieland Dogs will start up in June at the Topeka library. • Sara asked if there was interest in having a table cloth in yellow with the club logo embroidered in black or another dark color that would go on the table where our club's handouts are placed. The conference that Sara, Duke & Carlie attended (in Jan) had numerous organizations represented with professional looking clothes covering their handout tables. Sara has a relative who might be able to embroidery the logo. Sara will update about this matter at our next meeting.
- Next business meeting will be May 6, 2019@ 6:30pm in room 206 at the library. •
- Future projects to think about: Karen
 - Update membership forms & where should they be placed?
 - Update & revise membership roster.
 - Place upcoming events on our mainwebsite page.
 - Meeting minutes-be able to click on a date to read that particular meeting minutes.
 - Update & revise R.E.A.D. & Read With Me information & add links for new members that join.
 - Lee brought up that the Lawrence Kennel Club will have the following classes: "Introduction To Dog Therapy" & a mock evaluation. Possibly poll people to see if there is interest.
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:33pm

Carlie Gurske

Secretary