

MINUTES
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUMMIT THERAPY ANIMALS

Tuesday, 01.16.18, Abbey's Coffee House, Frisco, CO at 07:35

I. Financial Report, 12.31.17-Jan explained the Balance Sheet

II. Current membership- Ann went over the teams. We have 26 teams

III. New members in 2017-Susan and Lyn:

A. 10 new members and 5 pending. It was a great year!

B. We paid for 6 READ memberships - not for those living out of state.

IV. Discuss monetary responsibilities from 01.01.18 through 06.30.19:

- A. "Do we want to continue to pay for Manuals & Lifetime Memberships"? It is a nice benefit, but not our job. Lifetime membership = \$60.00 per person. Manuals = \$35.00 per person. Brad is willing to focus on Grants/Fundraisers that will allow us to continue this benefit. The initial involvement is a bit costly, especially with background checks. Goal of ten teams: \$600/memberships; \$350.00/manuals.
- B. Copying expense: Lyn has offered her's and Dennis' copy machine. We just need to bring paper. Best time to come to her office Saturday/Sunday afternoons. We can also see if Office Max would be willing to donate services or ream of paper.
- C. Advertising: Looking at other options than the Summit Daily News. Though, we should see if we can get an article about READ teams. Lyn will contact to focus on teams for either March or April. \$350.00
- D. Supplies - things we could help for new teams - bookmarks, special book - at least one (i.e. Madeline; God Dogs/Great Listeners), Note books to keep notes - goals about kids progress. \$500.00

E. Other expenses \$200.00

F. \$2000.00 goal - we need to be careful, if we don't raise it, we can't commit to our expenses. Once we get a grant, we can make a decision on our needs. And Grants are given specific times during the year.

V. Fundraising to meet financial obligations over the next 18 months

A. Can we find a philanthropist person? Sharon Magnis Blake is a neighbor of Ann's and very generous. Jan will work on a letter to send from STA.

G. Donations - Matching. We get \$200 we will match the \$200. Members could help with donations.

H. Brad and Grants - Walmart, Target, Office Max, Bessie Minor, Rotary, Vail Resorts, Optimist Group. Are any of our members employees with Vail Resorts? It helps us get the grant if we do - Brad will email all members.

VI. Date of 2018 annual membership meeting and details:

A. Donna will look at the Community Center for Weds. Sept 19th, 6 -7:30pm

I. Guest Speaker? A Veterinarian? Let's think about who. (Lyn mentioned that she is getting her Animal-Human Health Certificate through D.U. - for future speaking opportunities).

VII. Discuss potential members' workshop for 2018.

A. Summer Workshop - looking at 2nd or 3rd week in July, on a Wednesday. Time: 5:30pm

J. Donna will look into availability for the parking lot again. And have a rain day - just in case.

VIII. Advertise: Flyers, Community Calendar, Vet Hospitals ("Any client who'd be a good team?"), article in the Summit Daily - the difference between Service Dogs and Emotional Support Dogs. Maybe just an article about that versus about STA Teams.

VIII. ATD's requirement for background check and fingerprinting vs. SSD's requirement. Do we need to contact the school district to ascertain if this effort needs to be duplicated? No. It is not uncommon to be asked more than once. This covers teams not just being READ teams. The Rotary Reading Buddies - it is the responsibility of the organization & schools to make sure that folks going to schools get their background checks.

IX. Reaching out to Patti Smith post-accident.

- A. Jan sent a \$100.00 bouquet of flowers from STA.
- K. Ingrid - Susan is getting her today. When will Ingrid go to CA to visit Patti? When it's the right time. Lyn has offered to help with training her, and getting her skills a little more fine tuned to be of service to Patti.
- L. Caring Bridge - Ann Hill will be looking into this as a network of friends to find out what is happening to Patti.

X. Other business or issues - Jan had passed out Mentoring Packets with a check list for the people interested in becoming a team. People are still meeting Lyn without the required paperwork needed. This should help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42am