

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Last meeting until August 28, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Janie Withers with 42 people present.
- II. Minutes of the April meeting were approved by Karen Arnold, seconded by Linda Sing.
- III. Financial Report presented by Treasurer, Carol. Funds on hand are \$29,673 with most of the money being allocated to existing programs, and a \$1500 Emergency Fund. Memorial funds have been received for Laurie Nelson, Becky Wooten (dog) and Cynthia Prosnak.

Request for ATMC Community Grant was denied for PEP Program – no explanation given. Janie has requested a search for Grant Writers.

Woof Stock had good success, realizing over \$6,000 in profit. WoofStock was hosted by the Southport Rotary to benefit Paws-Ability's Pet Education Program. They had 27 Sponsors, income from pictures and a raffle.

Middle School Students in the AVID program raises funds for their favorite Non-profits. 9 students, all of whom were graduates of Paws-Ability's Pet Education Program at Jesse Mae Monroe Elementary School, donated \$375 to Paws-Ability. Shallotte Presbyterian Church matched their funds, making the total funds raised by the middle school kids \$700.

\$360 was raised when writer, Darlene Welton donated funds from book sales at Union School to Paws-Ability's Pet Education Program. Darlene Welton, while visiting with Paws-Ability member, Linda Sing, visited

Union School to read to the students. The books were then offered for purchase.

- IV. OLD Business: BandFest is June 3. FREE event. We have 23 sponsors. RAFFLE TICKETS, FOOD VENDORS, Need not be present to win great Raffle Prizes!

Bicycle Poker Run is October 13

Oyster Fest on OIB – October 20 & 21. We will make \$500 for providing Volunteers on Sunday. They need 20 Gate Volunteers for Saturday 10 am to 5pm, and 10 Volunteers for Sunday. 2.5 hour shifts. Consensus is that we will just do Sunday.

Octoberfest in Calabash, October 27. We have formed a committee and are meeting monthly to get Sponsors and Vendors.

Pictures with Santa on December 1 at Sunset Beach Waterfront Park.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT EACH EVENT

- V. NEW Business: Anne VonDerHeide and Lisa Ryan will be featured on WWAY's Good Morning Carolina to promote the Stella's Touch Program. Anne also gave a talk on Fund Raising using Corporate Matching Funds and the "GoFundMe" program for Stella's Touch. Some Corporations also have donations for Volunteer Hours.

Anita August introduced the new Mission Statement for Paws-Ability. It was followed by a discussion about why we raise funds: to collaborate with Brunswick County animal groups. There are many easy ways to raise funds: Papa John's PAW30, Online donations -IGIVE.COM, and Memorial Gifts through the PA website.

Janie presented a new idea for us to explore: A Food Pantry to help with the cost of pet food. It would be a Voucher/Coupon program to take to local Pet Stores and Grocery Stores, as we have storage issues and have no desire to lug heavy bags of pet food. If you are interested in helping with this new idea, contact Janie Withers.

Tom Simmons visited our meeting. He is the candidate running against Frank Iler in Nov. Elected officials in NC have been notoriously lax in passing bills to improve animal welfare. Tom Simmons elected to attend

our meeting to learn more about the cost to taxpayers associated with animal welfare.

OTHER business: Seaside Wine and Gourmet opened this month at her new location. Please support this business.

Dog Daze Pet Supplies will open pending BC permits.

respectfully submitted,

Sue LoBuono