

Furry Friends PATS Board Meeting Agenda

July 24, 2018, 6:30 pm @Joan's house

Attending: Joan Peterson, Randee McQueen, Kathy Harris, Anne Tiry, Julie Bond, Loree McQueen

Absent: Kat Hsueh, Julie Skeen

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of May meeting minutes – approved

2. Review Site Application spreadsheet (Kathy)
 - Bill Wilson center, non profit; approved; volunteers must be 21.
 - San Jose Bascom Library
 - Team consists only of Randee and Sagee for now
 - Will end in August due to Randee's schedule
 - Willow Glen library
 - Loree sent email to get captain/volunteers
 - No response to build a team
 - Unity Care House
 - Kathy did the site visit and brought Harry
 - Teenage girls, around 6 residents
 - Residents didn't want to interact with Harry
 - Doesn't seem to be a good fit, site not approved
 - Gunn High School
 - Sent app for special visit as well as regular visit
 - Kathy will follow up, explain how we work; turn down regular visit request
 - Will turn down special visit request on 8/13, not enough lead time
 - Hold on to \$\$ for special visit before end of semester
 - No further response from Silicon Valley YMCA
 - Franklin McKinley school wanted to be approved site, not Reading Buddies
 - No further response from them

3. Review/Approve Special Visits (Joan)
 - Mount Herman Camp – October
 - Quartzzy filled up right away
 - Bellarmine – December this year, May 2019
 - All are approved

4. Review Past & Upcoming Events

- Joan and Teddy - taped TV interview which will be airing on You Tube; haven't heard anything
- Julie B. will follow up on our Instagram page and will take back admin rights once she finds out who owns it. There are pictures on Instagram that shouldn't be (e.g. 49ers at Leland)
 - Instagram won't shut down the pages because we don't "own" them
 - Won't tell us who owns the pages – there are 2 of them
 - Julie monitors daily and will continue to do so
 - Julie created Furry_Friends_PATS on Instagram but hasn't posted anything yet; is hoping to take over one of the other pages.

5. Update on Santa Cruz sites (Kat) – no update

6. Review of Reading Buddies – not a lot of interest any more

7. What is the possibility of Furry Friends accepting a veterinarian's waiver on future titers? (Julie)

- Never for rabies, now we require titers every year
- Anne checked with Barbara; her opinion was titer frequency should match what we say for vaccinations.
- Randee will follow up with Peggy.

8. Web redesign/update

- Some of the ideas:
 - Mobile-friendly
 - Electronic submission of forms
 - Map of sites – "find FF visit near me"
 - Electronic signature acknowledging review of volunteer manual
 - something on the home page to ask for matching funds?
 - Topic for web site update, maybe tied to paying of dues? If paid electronically, click on "yes I've read this" before going to payment page, similar to what you do when downloading software and agreeing to end user license agreement.
- Angela Kwan is working on the new web site.
- Julie B. suggested Ashly McHatton for branding ideas/suggestions.
- Angela has kept on working on it
- Looking for September 2017 minutes, no one can find them

9. Manual updates – deferred

- Discuss further and assign sections for review/rewrite
- Can we require that people read /sign that they have read the manual every 2 years?
- Discussion will be deferred until after the web site redesign. Then we will investigate the potential for electronic signature to confirm review of the manual.

10. Database upgrade (Loree)

- a. Working with Patrick as needed, remove from next agenda

11. Newsletter

- Next Newsletter – October
- Articles due 3 weeks before, 9/21
- Put out early enough to publicize Fall Furry Flurry, 10/7
 - Publish by 10/1, articles by 9/10

12. Financials (Ranee)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gunn High school – see discussion above.

2. Possible outing to Roaring Camp railroad

- Initial conversation with the site indicated that they want dogs to have muzzles.
- Someone needs to call and explain our stance, which is that we are a pet therapy organization, and requiring muzzles is inconsistent with what we do.
 - Ann Zis got the information, and Cindy Gjers has offered to help.
 - Furry Friends rules would apply, one dog per person
 - We might pay a portion of the ticket cost for FF members only; guests would pay full price
 - We could consider a winter outing, but they run fewer trains.

3. Class photo assignments

- July 29: 10:30am – Anne
- August 26 10:30am – Joan
- September 30 10:30am – Kathy
- October 28 10:30am 1:30pm
- November 18 10:30am

4. Next meeting

- Sept 25, 2018, 6:30 pm - Joan out of country, would Oct 2 work?
 - a. Plan for 10/2, will adjust if needed
- Location: Randee
- Food: Randee