

**Potter Park Zoo Docent and Volunteer Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

The meeting of the Potter Park Zoo Docent and Volunteer Association (PPZDVA) was called to order by President Val Johnson at 6:35 pm. The meeting was held in the Safari Room at Potter Park Zoo.

Board Reports

President: Presented that meetings will be every other even month (December, February, April, June, August, October). The next even month is December which will be the holiday potluck. A craft sale will also be part of the potluck so any crafter can bring their wares to sell.

- ◆ For Wonderland of Lights (WOL) the conservation table with fundraising items will be on three weekends: December 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22. Tattoo stencil donations for WOL are needed. Glitter tattoo volunteers needed for WOL.
- ◆ DVA donation of a bench for the Pollination Station. Cost is \$900. An idea was proposed to put the Docent Bricks by the bench. The bench was approved by majority vote.
- ◆ Selling Texas Roadhouse Peanuts as a fundraiser. Cost is \$3 a bag or 2 bags for \$5. The bags have a Texas Roadhouse coupon attached to them. The peanuts will be in the Docent lounge with a money box for money collection using the honor system.
- ◆ Save the Date for a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser (south side restaurant) on December 3rd. With a flier, 10% of the cost of the dinner will be donated to PPZ.

Vice President: Nothing to report. (Taking meeting minutes.)

Treasurer: Presented August and September treasurer's reports which will be posted on the PPZDVA webpage. Both reports were accepted by the membership.

Secretary: No report as Deb was not in attendance.

Member-at-Large: Position currently empty.

Continuing Business

Ed presented an animation of the "Wolf Lesson" that he developed for Jill. It is electronic using a program called Animate. Ed or others could develop other programs for education programs to replace or update worn program materials.

New Business

Ed presented the new PPZDVA webpage. It is in Falcons Nest under the tab "PPZDVA page", and is password protected (PW: docent). It has information related to the association including the next meeting dates, fundraising, secretary minutes, treasurer's reports, bylaws, and policies. It is kept updated by either Ed or Julie.

Enrichment Committee: Jill reported that the next enrichment event is Pumpkin Fest on November 4th. This will be the 15th Pumpkin Fest and will be last Pumpkin Fest. It is harder to get pumpkins and going to 4 enrichment events for the year. Also, could use donations of brown paper grocery bags with no handles, smallish boxes without tape, and gift wrap tubes.

Education: Jennifer (no Dennis)

Refresher Courses – More on-line training, filmed videos of animal handling to load as a resource under Potter Park Zoo Docent Training. Docents will be sent a link and password. The training includes quizzes. Also, have the San Diego Global Academy that are more general trainings, and the new training will be PPZ docents specific. Another reason for the videos is consistency and to cover the next generation science standards.

WOL sign-ups out. Hours are from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

Dr. Ronan is requesting blankets for use in the clinic.

Education department is still looking for towels.

Falconer's – Good turnout with close to 200. A WOL Falconer's event is planned. Signup sheets coming.

Zoo in Your Neighborhood needs help – readers, handling, etc.

Need Day Captains – See Jennifer or Miriha if interested.

Animal Updates - Three new alpacas are almost out of quarantine. Rhino watches may still be coming but keeping fingers crossed. New bongo is here from John Ball Zoo and in quarantine. Program animal updates also provided.

The next meeting which is the holiday potluck is on December 19th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julie L. Brunner for

Deb Cadle
Secretary