

## Potter Park Zoo Docent and Volunteer Association

Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2017



The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes from October 25, 2017, were approved.

Treasurer Ed Pinheiro highlighted fundraising success. Treasurer's report was approved.

### Committee Updates

Enrichment Committee, Jill Garrett

Pumpkin Fest was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 3:00. All of the events were carried out despite the brief rain. The next event will be in mid-January.

### Old Business

- Bottle drive is on-going.
- Bylaws have been posted to the association Web site.
- Fundraising Project: Dexter Cow for Barnyard
  - Promotional photo has been submitted for approval. Once approved, a life size cutout will be ordered and available for the second weekend of Winter Wonderland of Lights.
  - Amy has created a fundraising link that is available on PPZ Web site.
- Docent Garden – Please sign up pre-winter clean up.

### New Business

Status of the Association - A survey will be sent out to try to determine the expectation of the association. Attendance has been decreasing which calls into question whether the association is viable. After several comments from the members it was determined that the topic needs to be addressed during the next association meeting.

### Guest Speaker

Olivia Spagnuolo, former PPZ student, docent, and intern, spoke about hyenas and her time at Hyena Camp in Kenya. Olivia explained the matriarchal social structure of the hyena, the closest relative is the banded mongoose, and talked about her two years in Hyena Camp. To learn more about the project and hyenas she recommended these Web sites and social media:

<http://msuhyenas.blogspot.com>

Facebook: Mara Hyena Project

Instagram: @marahyenaproject

YouTube video: "Why it sucks to be a male hyena."

### Staff Report

Jennifer Horvatin

- Sign-up is available for Programs, Big Zoo lessons, WOL, Zoo in Your Neighborhood
- FALCONERS –December 5<sup>th</sup> program will be Winter Wonderland of Lights. Programs for 2018 will be scheduled soon.
- Winter Wonderland of Lights sign up will include animal handling and association table.
- Other upcoming events: Wine & Stein and McLaren private event.
- Hours are being compiled; be sure to have your time recorded.
- Call day captain if you don't want to us the on-line sign up.

- The dark ferret and wood turtles are program ready.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 6:30 pm at the Zoo.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cynthia Holt, Secretary