



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: December 19, 2022
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

Member Attendees: MarilynRose Guarino, Amy Usowski, Jeff Idels
Zoom Attendees: Karen Feeney, Ann Thomas

Secretary's Report – Jeff Idels

- The November 21, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Idels

- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and the following was highlighted:
 - Rebecca Blair paid \$100 to the Dennis Memorial Library to secure our meeting space for 2023, and treated it as her donation to Hearts and Paws. Thank you, Rebecca.
 - \$293 was raised at the Harwich Christmas Stroll for the Family Food Pantry.
 - \$150 in new member dues were received.
 - \$10 in donations through "Amazon Smile" were recorded.

Events

- **Harwich Christmas Stroll** – Our second year there was a lot of fun. We were stationed right next to Santa, so we met with tons of kids and their parents, and raised \$293 for the Family Food Pantry. There were some logistical issues with the Chamber of Commerce, so we will not be involved with the Christmas tree judging contest next year.
- The **Lily House** fundraiser has been postponed, as Home Depot has halted gatherings due to the spike in COVID. We will try to find an opportunity in 2023 to raise funds. Lily House still wants to do a photo shoot on their premises which we can both use to raise awareness for our causes.

2023 Visitation schedule – Amy Usowski

- Amy "rolled out" the spreadsheet of scheduled visits, including the Dennis Senior Center, Rock Harbor Respite, Brewster Council on Aging, Cape Regency, Veterans Group Home in Dennis and the Falmouth Elementary schools. This schedule will be made available to everyone.
- Amy reported on a January 11th presentation to the Dennis Yarmouth Women's Club.
- Amy also reported that some of the venues have three teams of handlers and dogs signed up, which is very exciting.

Membership

- We discussed a focused member drive for the Upper Cape, in order to have a more robust team of handlers and dogs for the Falmouth Elementary Schools. Ideas include attending a community event in Falmouth, Sandwich or Mashpee, and contacting the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce.
- Ann Thomas reported that she attended the Eastham Dog Owners annual meeting and there were about sixty members there, so we'll renew our efforts with this target rich group in 2023.

Annual letter to Donors

- Jeff Idels has written a summary of 2022's activity to send to all our donors, to let them know how much we appreciate their support. It's not a donation request, just a thank you note. Everyone will see a copy.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30 pm