

OC Guide Dogs

The May 20, 2017 OC Guide Dogs Alumni chapter meeting was held at Orangewood Avenue Baptist Church in Garden Grove and was called to order at 9:45 by President Linda Becker.

Those present were as follows:

Linda Becker (Anchorage)	Doreen (Josiah- career changed pet ambassador, Seeing Eye Club)
Richard King (Nadia)	Cynthia Thacker treasurer
Paula Pinheiro (Joanie)	Kathy Zuorski acting secretary
Carlos (no guide dog)	Esther Ferris (volunteer)
Tina Wilson (waiting for a dog)	Mary (student at Braille)
	Pat (possible puppy raiser)
Mindy Wolf (Braxton)	Melissa Nabulsi (volunteer)
Debbie & Bob Paul (guide Fremont)	Mary Ann Epstein (web master & BAARK puppy raiser- Durango)
Valerie Ormont (Radar)	Glen (Raptor-career changed GDB- and a puppy raiser)
Rebecca Mendez (Cora) GDA	Geetha (volunteer puppy raiser Puppies to Partners)
Elizabeth (no guide)	Debbie Sands and friend Jim
Terry Cokley (Aiden)	Estee Boggs (Columbus)
	Pastor Tye McClain

Linda Becker introduced Tye McClain and thanked him for giving us a new home. Linda Becker thanked our volunteers Melissa Nabulsi, Esther, Geetha, Cynthia, Kathy Zuorski, and Mary Ann.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia presented the Treasurer's Report. We have \$2386.41 in our GDB account and \$389.00 in petty cash. Total balance is \$2675.41

Not reflective in above totals but voted on and will do are: designated funds for harness +350. This harness will be given to a June Orange County graduate team. Designated funds for San Rafael dedication wall \$1,000.

Adjusted total \$1325.41

Refreshment donations added to petty cash totaled \$21.00

Refreshment expenses submitted by Kathy Zuorski and subtracted from petty cash.

Cynthia reported that a \$100 donation was given last year to the Anaheim Christian Reformed Church for the use of their facilities. \$150 was given to our present location- Orangewood Avenue Baptist Church. A \$50.00 donation was given to Braille for one meeting held there. The Appreciation Parties for the 6 Puppy Clubs in Orange County

Totaled \$1,000. Much of the utensils and supplies are continually being used for our many meetings.

Linda stated that the next chapter meeting will be July 29th- the speaker will be Keith Tomlinson. The Sept. 30th meeting was talked about and Linda mention a possible social would be nice to have. Because of the holidays September will be the last meeting of the year. The first meeting of 2018 will be on January 27th.

Linda stated that she and Kathy Blake are stepping down as President and VicePresident as of July 2017. Nomination Committee has selected 2 new officers for 2017-2018. Estee Boggs for President and Paula Pinheiro for Vice President. Estee and Paula were asked to stand and say something about themselves. Members were asked to vote yea or nay. The vote was favorable.

Carla and Cynthia will continue in their roles as VP and treasurer.

Melissa and Kathy will continue as coffee helper and social volunteer.

Linda spoke about the GDB 75th Alumni Reunion in SanFrancisco at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel Nov. 16-19th. Registration is \$175.00

Speaker

Linda introduced Debbie Sands. She is an author, advocate for service animals, & has volunteered with and worked for Guide Dogs of America.

She talked about what to do in case of a medical emergency. She made cards available so handlers could let medical personnel know what to do with a guide dog if handler is unable to take care of their dog.

Debbie also talked about fake service dogs, ADA laws, & denial of access.

Linda presented Debbie with a rhinestone dog pin, Paula pillow, and thank you card.

Other news presented:

Casino Night – June 2, 2017 Dana Point Yacht Club \$75.00

Hollywood Bowl – July 15, 2017 Tony Bennett night & picnic \$19.25

Melissa presented Linda and Paula with hand painted pictures of their guide dogs.

These paintings will be submitted for the Shared Visions International Art Exhibit.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th at the Orangewood Ave. Baptist Church- 8421 Orangewood Ave, Garden Grove 92841

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Zuorski

Substitute for Carla Ross, OC Guide Dogs