

THE GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8TH, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Paul Barrett. Board members present were Tina Gilbert, Tracey Pederson, Sherri Fiduccia, Mary Jane Grenzow, Mick McClain, Heidi Treuthardt, Sue Curran, Barb Gerber, Chris Soukup, Paul Barrett and Yvonne Schutte. Others present were Tonya Kelly, Jarrett Kelly, Gary Luhman and members of the public.

Secretary's Report: Changes were discussed and a motion was made and passed to accept the minutes for the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Questions were discussed and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Shelter Director's Report: Tonya reported that the number of outgoing cats had more than doubled during the half price special. She gave the outgoing and incoming animal numbers. She reported that Happy Ever After is taking Patty in three weeks. She also reported that 16 cats have gone to Angel's Wish. The incident reports were also discussed.

Guest Speaker: Gary Luhman presented and handed out the facts on the Wisconsin statutes regulating the conduct and treatment of dogs. He also spoke on the need for a county humane officer and what the position would be responsible for. The purpose of the outline he presented was to inform the board and public of the law.

Mary Jane suggested that the public comment section of the agenda be moved up to accommodate the members of the public that were present. No one objected to the change in the agenda's order.

Public Comments: Three topics people suggested were discussed during this portion of the meeting.

1. Changes in the euthanasia policy – Mary Jane stated that the no-kill policy is not being changed. Mick spoke about the aggressive dog task force and who the members of the task force are.
2. Aggressive dog behavior at the shelter -- The use of detailed incident reports were discussed and how such reports can be a tool to assess situations at the shelter.
3. Election process – The nomination process was discussed as well as the process of turning in and publishing the nominee's questions.
4. The no-kill definition – The word changed in the definition was discussed.

Unfinished Business

A policy and procedure meeting will be next week. Tracey asked how the policy and procedure manual will be reviewed by the board. It was agreed that it would be reviewed by the entire board during a special meeting specifically called for that purpose.

Barb addressed an email that was sent to her by Mary Jane. Yvonne passed out her report on the city council meeting

New Business

Paul went over the agenda and ballot for the annual meeting. He asked that anyone wanting to add an accomplishment or special thanks should contact him. A motion was made by Mary Jane, seconded by Sherri Fiduccia and approved unanimously to accept the agenda and ballot for the annual meeting. Funding from the United Way was discussed. It was agreed that \$7500.00 would be the amount requested from the allocations committee.

Paul asked for \$840.00 for renewal of the liability insurance. Sue Curran made a motion to pay \$840.00 for liability insurance renewal; motion was seconded by Chris Soukup. Motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Special Events: Barb reported that the fundraiser sponsored by the Roadhouse in March brought in \$390.71. Upcoming events include a fundraiser sponsored by the Horseshoe in April and the Empty Bowl dinner at the high school in May.

Outdoor Adoption: Jarrett presented the changes to the outdoor adoption protocol.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on May 7th and the regular monthly board meeting is May 13th.

The minutes were written and submitted by Heidi Treuthardt, Secretary.