

SPECIAL GCHS BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 23rd, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Monroe Public Library

Meeting was called to order. Board members present were Yvonne Schutte, Barb Gerber, Paul Barrett, Heidi Treuthardt, Mary Jane Grenzow and Tina Gilbert. Others present were Sherri Fiduccia , Tonya and Jarrett Kelly.

This meeting was called mid-month by the executive committee to discuss issues that needed to be decided before February's meeting.

Paul announced that he has organized a bus trip to the Dubuque Humane Society on Friday, February 1st. Anyone interested is welcome and the bus will be leaving at 2:00 and returning around 5:45. Paul also said that Randall Johnson recommended that the web site be totally reconstructed as soon as possible, but unfortunately he does not have the time to do it himself. We will be looking for someone to possibly create a new site at a reduced rate or at no cost.

Fund Raising—Barb brought up a few future dates and events that could possibly be used to raise funds: Monroe Home Show, coming up soon/June 12-15 Balloon Rally, Taste of Monroe/ St Pat's Day Parade, July 12 & 13 Pedal For Paws. She will also be checking on when the city wide garage sales are so we can plan our annual garage sale. Tracy at Heartland Graphics will be designing the Pedal For Paws t-shirt. Barb is looking into sponsors for that event so that they can be printed on the back of the shirt.

The dog fight between Patty and Carlie was discussed. The Policies and Procedures Committee will be meeting to write aggressive dog protocols. Dan Barthoff suggested that all bites must be reported and put in the animal's file so anyone adopting can be notified. This would prevent any liability issues. Any employee injury is covered by workman's comp for medical bills and lost wages.

Lafayette County Contract—Motion was made and passed to raise the fee for taking Lafayette County's dogs. In the past years the fee was \$75 a dog with an initial payment at the beginning of the year for 10 dogs. In 2007 GCHS took in a total of 23 dogs. For 2008 \$150 a dog was proposed by Paul. Lafayette County counter offered for \$125 with an initial payment for 20 dogs. Mary Jane made a motion to accept this offer. The motion was passed.

Monroe Veterinary Proposal—Feline Neuter-\$15, feline spay-\$52. Dog neuter-\$40-\$45, dog spay-\$50. Surgeries will be done at 7:15 AM on Wednesdays with a 4:00 pick up time. They will perform 4 to 7 surgeries a day. A health check sheet will be sent home with each animal. Any bite orders are to be paid by the owner. There will be a 30% discount on office calls during business hours and a 10% above cost discount on all meds. Motion to accept proposal was made and accepted. There is no proposal from Brodhead yet.

Mary Jane brought up the idea of forming a Medical Advisory Board made up of Tonya, some board members and veterinarians. This group would discuss protocols for various aspects of taking care of the animals.

The chairman of the Personnel Committee was changed to Paul Barrett.

Paul Barrett made a motion to accept Marcie Hensel's and Marcia Stanek's resignations. Mick McClain was appointed to the board to replace Marcie and Sherri Fiduccia will replace Marcia. These replacements are effective immediately.

March 17th was discussed as the date to have all letters of intent sent to the secretary. A letter of intent to run for the board at the May 2008 annual meeting must be sent to the secretary at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting. This is also required by any present day board members whose term is done in 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

These minutes were written and submitted by Heidi Treuthardt, secretary/