GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 12th, 2008 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order. Board members present were Mary Jane Grenzow, Paul Barrett, Tracy Pederson, Tina Gilbert, Sue Curran, Chris Soukup, Yvonne Schutte, Barb Gerber, Sherri Fiduccia, Mick McClain and Heidi Treuthardt. Others present were Tonya Kelly and Dan Barthoff.

Treasurer's Report—the treasurer's report was read and accepted by the board. Chris is looking into the annual fee charges for the credit card to see if there is one less expensive.

Dan Barthoff presented and discussed the Purchase and Development Agreement from the city.

Shelter Director's Report—Tonya distributed the numbers for the incoming and outgoing animals for the last month. She asked the board to help in finding some black wire cages to help ease the overcrowding situation. She reported that she is going to Channel 3 once a month for the winter. She told the board that foster homes are desperately needed. She presented the idea of having a half price special from now until the end of the year. After discussion, motion was made to have a special promotion of 2 for 1 kittens and cats. The fee for adopting 2 kittens will be \$63.00 and the fee for 2 cats will be a donation of \$25.00 or more. The promotion for dogs will be a half price adoption fees. After the motion was seconded the board voted unanimously in favor of the adoption special.

Unfinished Business

The 2009 budget was discussed. There will be further discussion at the December meeting. A motion was made to spend \$85.00 to pay membership dues for the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Tina Gilbert and other volunteers have volunteered to go to Petsmart once a month. The motion was made and seconded. The board voted unanimously to send volunteers once a month to Petsmart.

Committee Reports

Volunteers—Volunteer orientation will be at the Library on Saturday, November 15th from 1:00 to 2:00.

Special Events—Barb reported that the Festival of Trees is Saturday, December 6th at the Ludlow Mansion. There are two fundraisers on Saturday, November 15th. From 12:00 to 5:00 there is a Folk Art Gallery auction in Brodhead and from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. there are bands at Leisure Lanes in Monroe.

Financial Development—Tracy is working on the year end fundraising letter and it should be going out next week.

Public Relations—Mary Jane reported that a story will be in the Times soon about the Juda dog rescue. The website is finished. Computer Know How is our server. It should be up and running soon.

Membership—Sue reported that the committee has designed new levels of membership. These levels will also include a junior membership that comes with a t-shirt. The t-shirt was displayed. Board members can also order the new design on items of their choice through Heartland Graphics. No renewal notices will be going out due to the fundraising letter that is going out soon.

Building and Grounds—PDC is adding some lighting in the back and outside pens.

Outdoor Adoptions—Yvonne reported that the outdoor adoptions have been suspended for the winter months. They will resume in March or April, depending on the weather.

Adoption Follow Up—Tina and committee members are working on their calling packets.

Medical Advisory—Tonya reported that she has met with Dr. Amy Hagen about bite orders. The committee will be meeting on November 20th.

There were no public comments and the meeting was adjourned to closed session. The next board meeting is December 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

These minutes are submitted and written by Heidi Treuthardt, Secretary.