

Green County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Board Roll Call: Tina Gilbert (President), Traci Thompson, Sharon Blohowiak (Secretary), Marsha Stanek, Mike Jerge, Marci Hensel

Absent: Shawn Grass (Vice-President)

Also present: Sue Grib (Treasurer), Anita Disch (shelter manager), Robin Douglas, Barb Gerber, Sarah Pahl, and Brian Gray

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave Monroe WI 53566

President Tina Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

AGENDA

- A. Public Forum: No public comment
  
- B. Approve Minutes:
  - a. September postponed. Report needs Marci's comments and animal availability policy. Tabled until next month.
  
- C. Treasurer's Report:
  - i. A girl, Marissa Vosberg, had a 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday party and wanted to give presents to puppies and kitties instead of herself. The shelter received lots of gifts including checks totaling \$100 and Wal-mart gift cards.
  - ii. Sue G.: We were in the red in September. We took in \$15000 but spent \$17000, loss of \$1300 after two months in the black.
  - iii. Under revenue, we had only cat donations and not adoptions. \$1500 in donations. This money is considered public support and not revenue.
  - iv. Balance sheet doesn't have restricted funds yet. Sue G. still needs someone to help her with these accounts.
  - v. October is going to be hard with taxes and county mailing bills. 3 payrolls and workmen compensation taxes are due. Need to pay \$22K in October.
  - vi. Hopefully county mailing will cover most of the bill. We estimate about \$14K from mailing. Garage sale maybe generates \$1100.
  - vii. For the holiday fundraising let, we need to get ideas to Rockows for mailing in December.

- viii. Sue reported on the income from aluminum cans, etc.
- ix. Tina: Doug Keifer named GCHS in his will, \$400. We found homes for all his cats.
- x. Cat adoptions will not match up with shelter numbers since Sue G. only record the ones that are paid for. We did have 3 \$100 donations.

*D. New Business*

- a. Maddies fund: We need to submit a report for the grant. Robin has put in 40+ hours on this report, which includes many animal statistics.
  - i. Requires source of every animal we get, health on intake, outcome, and health on going out.
  - ii. Maddies offers continuing grants.
  - iii. We will look good because we are finding homes for sick cats.
  - iv. The report is due October 15.
  - v. All the money is gone and we have to report how we spend it.
  - vi. Will ASN help with this next time?
  - vii. This was a one time discretionary fund. Not sure what else they will fund. They will not fund people but will fund equipment, etc.
  - viii. Anita is looking into more grants on the internet. We just need time write the grants.
- b. Dogs for outside
  - i. We need to organize committee for this issue.
  - ii. Which animals are outside animals?
  - iii. Discuss committee in closed session.
- c. Spay neuter voucher policy SNAP
  - i. Drop income for household income \$1500 monthly is too high.
  - ii. We don't have any money until April so we will not be able to give out vouchers until then.
  - iii. The vouchers are \$50.
  - iv. We started the program in 2001 with the vouchers at \$10 per cat and were reimbursed by Maddies fund, \$4000. The program ended in 2004.
  - v. **Tina made a motion** to set up spay and neuter committee. Marsha second. motion carried.

*E. Animal Statistics:*

- a. Tina counted today. We have 98 kittens, 82 cats, 43 dogs and 14 animals in foster care.
- b. Our capacity is 175 cats with 60 cages. We had 195 cats last month.
- c. We have more than 40 dogs, which is capacity.
- d. October is National Adopt a Shelter Dog. We should put an article in the paper. We received 4 puppies from Lafayette County as strays.

- e. Should we contact Rescue societies since we have several dogs of the same breed? 3 blue healers, rottweilers, etc.

F. Fundraisers

- a. Cheese Days
  - i. We received a \$2500 check from Roth Kase.
- b. October Fest
  - i. Anita entered a scarecrow contest and made a scarecrow with a cat design. She won a prize but we don't know what it is. Her picture was in the paper.
- c. Garage Sale
  - i. The garage sale Friday, Oct. 13 8:00-6:00 and Saturday, Oct 14, 8:00-2:00.
  - ii. We will not receive any Thrivent funds, but they might stop by and drop things off.
- d. Cookbook
  - i. Britney Popanz, who puts together cookbooks, has approached us and is willing to make a fundraising cookbook. She needs 150-200 recipes by November 1.
  - ii. Drop recipes off at the shelter and put your name on the recipe. Anyone can bring them in.
  - iii. She is designing the book. We can put ads in it.
  - iv. The books will sell for \$10 and there will be 400-1000 books available. The books will be available at the shelter.
- e. Festival of Trees
  - i. Traci attended the meeting for Festival of Trees. They will be doing blackjack, a tree auction, a time-share in WI Dells for live auction, and raffle tickets to buy ornament.
  - ii. Traci needs ornaments by next meeting.
  - iii. Festival of Trees is the first Saturday in December at 6:30.
- f. Pampered Chef and Simply Tasteful
  - i. A volunteer who helped with Pedal for Paws has offered to do fundraising parties and websites for GCHS. Sharon will provide details in the next meeting.
- g. Natural Ovens Bakery
  - i. Another fundraising company which sells natural bread. Sharon will be contacting the company for information
- h. Dog and cat calendars at Monroe Times: We can sell calendars at shelter and keep profit. The calendars are \$10 a piece.

G. Close Board Meeting @ 8:10 pm

H. Business presented by directors: None

Outdoor dog policy:

1. Appropriate means of confinement or sufficient space for exercise.
2. Must have human companionship when owner is home.
3. All dogs for indoor/outdoor home must be micro chipped at owner's expense prior to adoption.
4. Adoptee must agree to a home visit by the outdoor dog committee of GCHS.
5. Committee can approve an application.

I. Adjournment at 9:11.