

GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11TH, 2009
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Paul Barrett at 6:30 pm. Board members present were Paul Barrett, Tina Gilbert, Mary Jane Grenzow, Mick McClain, Tracy Pederson, Sherri Fiduccia, Yvonne Schutte, and Sue Curran. Members not present were Heidi Treuthardt, Chris Soukup and Barb Gerber.

Also present were Tonya and Jarrett Kelly and members of the public.

Secretary's Report—Minutes were approved from January meeting.

Treasurer's Report—January report was approved. Tracy questioned the “click and pledge” procedure. Sue Curran said she would get her the breakdown of the program.

Director's Report—Tonya reported on the incoming and outgoing animal numbers. Tonya then asked the board if mats could be purchased for the doorways to prevent people slipping.

Old Business

Paul said that the 09 budget was sent to all board members today and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Jane Monahan will be heading up a task force to look into the shelter's executive director position. It was asked if the position could be afforded and Paul said it wasn't at this time.

Paul reported that the city is now asking \$133,237.50 for the purchase of the land on the west side. The city is asking for a contract before any negotiations can resume. Paul is meeting with the building committee on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4:00. If anyone has any questions they can email him and he will take it to the committee.

New Business

The dog contract with Lafayette County is soon to be renewed. We took in 21 dogs in 2008. Raising the price per dog from \$125.00 to \$150.00 was discussed. Tina made a motion to raise the price to \$150.00 per dog and it was seconded by Sherri. All were in favor and motion passed.

The board learned that the estate of Joyce Altman gave the shelter \$14,369.05 with no restrictions on where it was to be used.

Paul recommended that we go to the city council meeting and see if the animal number ordinance can be changed. Now the limit is 3 dogs and 3 cats per household. He would like to change it to a limit of 6 cats if there are no dogs in the household. Yvonne will be attending the meeting.

The March and April cat adoption special of \$15.00 for any cat over 1 year and \$35.00 for any cat under a year was discussed. A motion was made by Yvonne and seconded by Mick. All were in favor and motion passed. Mary Jane will get the information to the paper and in the newsletter.

Committee Reports

Euthanasia-It was reported that Patti is now #2 to go to Happy Ever After in Green Bay. At this time she is in a foster home. Patsy is in training classes for eight weeks; after the session is over she will be re-evaluated.

Special Events-There will be a dress up contest for dogs and their owners who wish to be in the St. Patrick's Day parade. The Roadhouse is also giving a percentage of their St. Patrick's Day meal special to the shelter. Sherri Fiduccia is taking care of the advertising and prize money.

Pedal for Paws-A motion was made by Mary Jane and seconded by Sue to put \$1000.00 in the event's budget. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Relations-Mary Jane reported that the newsletter should be going out around March 1st. She will be sending out press releases for the cat adoption special and the annual meeting.

Membership-Sue reported that there were 45 members that gave \$100.00 or over in December. The January and February renewals went out and the spring mailing will go out after April 15th. She is working on improving the database.

Outdoor Adoption-Jarrett reported that outdoor adoptions will resume March 31st.

Strategic Planning-Tracy reported that the committee will be meeting after the budget is approved. She is working on board commitment and conduct forms.

Policy and Procedures-Mick stated that the manual for board to look over was emailed. They will be meeting again on March 4th; board members are to contact Mick by then with questions or comments.

Paul told the board that the aggressive dog policy task force will be lead by Mick and he is responsible for getting the team members for that task force.

Members of the public voiced their concerns over the aggressive dog policy that is being created. Board members explained the board's objectives and goals for creating this policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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