

**GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11TH
6:30 PM**

Paul Barrett called the meeting to order. Board members present were Chris Soukup, Mick McClain, Sue Curran, Yvonne Schutte, Barb Gerber, Mary Jane Grenzow, Tracey Pederson, Heidi Treuthardt and Paul Barrett. Board members not present were Sherri Fiduccia and Tina Gilbert. Others present were Deb Broge, Tonya Kelly, Jarrett Kelly, Mary Schmidt, Rhonda Schwarze, Michelle Keiffer, Brian Gray and members of the public.

Tracey introduced the new Executive Director of the shelter, Deb Broge.

Secretary's Report – approved and put on file.

Treasurer's Report – one question was addressed and the report was put on file.

Executive Director's Report – Deb presented the animal numbers at the shelter, reported on the feral cat placement, one incident report, community awareness and the upcoming staff meeting.

Unfinished Business

Mary Schmidt reported on the Festival of Trees event which is on Dec. 5th. GCHS has three trees that have been decorated by Sue Barrett and will be auctioned of that evening. Trees were donated by First Banking Center, Mike and Nora Sanders and Dairy Directions. There are also 12 silent auction items. Dec 19th is "A Day with Santa" and bake sale sponsored by Monroe Auto Sales. Bake sale items are needed. Mary also handed out the 09/10 event calendar. She reported that the Green County Leaders are planning a possible Cheese and Wine event. We will be updated at a later date.

Public Comment

Deb Egli wanted to know the board's plan on addressing the overpopulation of cats at the shelter. Paul stated that we are all in agreement that the shelter is crowded and that every measure is being taken to place animals into homes.

Unfinished Business

Chris Reis gave the follow up report for the Spay/Neuter day that was on Oct 28th. 22 spays and 8 neuters were performed by the team from the Dane County Humane Society. Total cost for the clinic was \$1340.00.

New Business

Paul discussed the possibility of a quarterly spay/neuter clinic and generating funds for future clinics from corporate sponsors. An anonymous donor donated \$670.00 toward the next clinic. Chris Soukup made a motion that we have a January Spay/Neuter clinic with the remaining cost of the clinic to be covered by SNAP funds. Motion was seconded by Mick McClain. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Paul presented tentative building plans for the future shelter. He asked for a vote of approval by the board for the general layout of the proposed plans. The plans were unanimously approved by a show of hands.

Committee Reports

Fundraising – Tracey Pederson reported that the annual appeal letter will be going out soon. She presented a copy of what will be sent. Tracey made a motion to have a “Thankathon” during Thanksgiving week. Mary Jane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a hand vote. Tracy also said that the nomination information packet will be put on the website.

Public Relations – Mary Jane Grenzow stated that she needs material for the newsletter by November 25th which will be posted by Dec. 7th. She reported that GCHS has groups on Facebook and Twitter. She requested that she be notified of any outgoing PR before it is sent out.

Outdoor Adoptions – Jarrett Kelly reported on the seized cats. There are 14 cats yet to be placed. There are 2 applications pending. There were 15 outdoor adoptions in Oct.

Policy and Procedures – Mick McClain stated that Mary Jane is organizing the format for the manual.

Building and Grounds – Paul Barrett reported that the shelter is being prepared for winter. The dryer will need to be replaced as soon as possible. He is emailing the cost estimate when he gets it. He has notified the city of repairs needed to 2 dog pens.

Brian Gray asked a few questions about the shelter plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm for closed session.

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