

GCHS BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JAN 9TH
6:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order.

Paul presented Jan through Dec 2007 report. He reported that after Dec. bills are in we should have a net income of about \$26,000.00. He also said that our stock and First Banking Center and a CD. The stock was sold and the account has \$10,250 in it. The CD has \$12,539.98. Both are restricted for the building fund. Tracey Pederson suggested that all stock should be sold at the time they are acquired.

Old Business Alphorn Ford would like to wait until a Ford van comes in instead of a Chrysler product. There are some leased vans will possibly be coming in soon. Mike Jerge will keep us posted. Tonya reported that the truck will need 2 tires if it to be used much longer.

New Business/Committee Reports

Fund Raising—Sue Curran made lots of decorations for the Christmas trees which she took down Jan. 4th. A meeting was set by Barb for Jan 17th to discuss having a wine and cheese gathering. It was brought up by Paul that we should have a business plan so businesses can be contacted to help with fund raising. Chris said he would be the contact person for Minhas Brewery. Barb is looking into contacting someone at KT's Roadhouse for sponsoring a Valentine's dinner where a percentage of the profits would be donated. She also had an idea for making cat trees to sell at the shelter. Yvonne said there is some interest from the New Glarus area for sponsoring a Harley Ride. Pedal for Paws will be possibly in July, also maybe a dog jog. Marcie suggested Barb contact Sharon Blohowiak about these events. The spring brochure should we sent in April 1st and the fall one August 1st. A golf outing was discussed.

Adoption Committee—A few minor changes for the application were discussed. Changes were made. MJ said she would look into changing it online. Next meeting new protocols should be ready to present. A motion was passed to make the spay and neuter deposit on puppies and kittens \$75.00. Check will be held by us until the animal is done. A new feral cat application is being worked on.

Building and Grounds—Paul reported that the high heating costs should be brought down when the old doors are replaced. A new bath tub and spray nozzle replaced the old sink. The new toilet was also put in. The washer was fixed and no cost. Building committee will meet Jan. 10th. The building committee, when the time comes, will handle all aspects of putting up a new facility. This includes the fundraising. Touring area shelters was also discussed.

Public Relations—Mary Jane proposed the newsletter be sent out bi-monthly instead of quarterly. The motion was passed. Randall Johnson is helping work on the website; he indicated that it will be sometime before it's ready.

Membership—Sponsorships brought in \$1475.00 for December. 44 cats and 32 dogs were sponsored. Anita Ambrose was mentioned for sponsoring every month.

Personnel—Job descriptions for animal health position and personnel will be finalized and distributed to the board.

Policy and Procedures—The executive committee was invited to speak with the Green County Sheriff and local police chiefs on Jan. 22 . They will also attend the Brodhead public safety meeting Fe. 6th.

Foster Homes—There are 4 cats in foster homes. The shelter will be looking into various animal rescues.

Shelter Director—Tonya reported that a packet on FIV and FeLuk will be mailed to members so a decision can be made to test or not. We have 71 cats in cattery, 54 in trailer, 4 in foster homes and 28 to spay or neuter.. We have 35 dogs with 6 to spay or neuter. We have a total of 165 animals at the shelter. We will be using the program Pet Point instead of ASN. This program is free as long as all dogs are microchipped. The cost is \$4.50 to microchip. Contact Tonya if anyone would like to learn more about this program. We also have the use of a display case at the library for the next month. The school in Warren, IL has been collecting donations. Tonya and Yvonne are going there to talk to 2 classes.

Public Discussion—Brian Gray spoke to the board about writing a positive year end article for the paper.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

These minutes were written and submitted by Heidi Treuthardt, Secretary