

LINCOLN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2010

City Hall – Merrill, WI

Executive Board Present: Jennifer Moore, Patrick Hoerstmann, Johanna Hoerstmann

Board member Present: Kari Kercher, Jerry Melvin

Appointees Present: Dave Sukow, Ray Bloomer, Lori Schilz

Staff Present: Liz Friedenfels

Public Present: none

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 by President Jennifer Moore.

Discuss/Approve Minutes from previous meeting: Dave motioned to approve the minutes, Pat seconded the motion.

Public Comments: none present

Discuss/Approve Financial Report: Kari motioned to approve the financial report, Dave seconded the motion. Jennifer noted we are the lowest we have been all year per the balance sheet, our expenses have been high, our animal population is up and adoptions are down. Our expenses are up due to improving our medical protocol such as snap testing. It also should be noted our income is up as well. This offsets the increase in our expenses. The financials indicate we have a net gain of \$14,000.

Discuss/Approve Shelter Report: Rockwood is planning on remodeling their lobby area and will not be able to foster a cat for the shelter as originally planned but will let us know once they are able. Liz stated one of the rescues called and will be taking more of the cats. The employees are doing well. Liz stated we will only be able to have cats at Petsmart 4 months of the year. Langlade will be having their cats during the rest of the year. Our new employee is Trisha Schmidt and she started out as a dog walker. She has a very upbeat personality and will be the oncall night person. Liz has reached out to other shelters (Langlade and Marathon Counties) as our dog numbers are low. Jennifer created an intake/outflow report for the year. LCHS took in 930 animals for the year of 2009, 500 cats, 409 dogs, and 21 other. Rescue/adoptions for dogs are approximately 90 % cats are approximately 60%. The euthanasia number for cats was 203 the euthanasia number for dogs is 44. Johanna questioned why the euthanasia number was so high for cats and Liz stated it's mainly due to illness, for the dogs it's usually due to bite cases. Ray questioned if a bite case is an automatic euthanasia and Liz stated is this the case. Dave spoke to Rick at Hargraves and found a commercial used frontloader for \$350.00 that we would like to try. Pat, Dave and Liz will stop by Hargraves on Friday.

Annual Board Meeting: The annual board meeting will be held at the T.B. Scott Library in the Community Room on February 18, 2010 at 5:00. At this meeting directors will be elected and also the re-election of board officers. Ray and Dave's position are appointed. Lori will be recommending the Towns Association appoint another person to the humane society board.

Fundraising: The different events we are hoping to do are a bowl-a-thon, hour of pay in May, brat fry, rummage sale, Set for Pets at Victory Lane, fair booth, possibly fair parking attendants, Crazy Days, dog show, Poker Run, Barleyfest, Paws for a Cause, Santa at Petsmart. Ongoing fundraisers are the kennel sponsorship, the membership program and civic group presentations. Jerry has new ideas for PR/fundraising such as a big screen outdoor movie theatre night, amusement park, casino night, concerts.

The Lincoln County Board is aware our current building has served its purpose and may need to be replaced sometime in the future. Liz, Kari and Jennifer have visited the Portage County Humane Society to start getting ideas on things that would be advantageous when building a new shelter. The intent is to visit as many humane societies as possible allowing us to make an informed decision.

Ray questioned the bylaws/quorum and it will be discussed at the future meeting. Ray feels we should motion to have the number of members from 11 to 9. Jerry feels we should only vote on this at the annual meeting.

Future Agenda Items: Discuss maximum/minimum size of board; Building fund account

Set next meeting date/time: February 18, 2010 5:00pm TB Scott Library Community Room - Merrill

Adjourn: Pat motioned to adjourn meeting; Johanna seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.