

**IOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 at 5:30PM
SHELTER MEETING ROOM**

1. Call To Order

Char called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Board Attendees: Dawn Venden, Denny Marklein, Lisa Cvengros, Char Paglini, and Lisa Schnedler

Not in Attendance: Tracie Johnson

Staff: Shanna Gundlach, Hannah Guenther

Members: Debbie Morgan, Cammi Riley, Sharon Shea

2. Approval of January 3, 2024 minutes as written

Motion by Dawn second by Lisa C. Approved

Everyone Present introduced themselves.

3. Reports:

*****Happenings "at" the shelter, Shanna**

*Cruise was adopted in January. Foster mom kept him.

*First Trap, Neuter, Return case. Very successful!

*Phone interview with UW Med Shelter Vets fellowship. Originally, this was project related. Now a brainstorming/ sharing - discuss policies, etc. Every other week, meet with your peers for an hour and a half. When you graduate from the program, you forever remain part of the group.

*Yoga with cats – 2/10 due to date change caused by weather filled classes now have lots of openings, let people know.

*Underdog coming next week - mobile vet clinic. People sign up and they do vaccines with spay and neuter. Will be back in March.

*Bently's will hold Euchre tournament to benefit ICHS.

*Basic Dog training started 2/27 and goes through March with A Very Gem K9 and in April, we will host training for reactive dogs.

*Canine Good Citizen Class starts Sundays, in April

*For Valentine's Day, Shanna will do a Giving Grid. May have matching funds donor.

*Floors - old flooring up in nine spaces. New flooring will be going down.

*Shanna has been interviewing for an Office Manager/ Volunteer Coordinator position. Will be setting up four in-office interviews. Has asked them to do online Enneagram test. Also, have six fundraiser/ grant writer candidates.

*****Happenings "in" the shelter, Hannah**

In January, we had 16 Incoming Cats - 4 strays, 5 transferred in (Saving Grace), six surrendered and 1 returned.

We had 18 cats adopted.

We had 7 incoming dogs - 3 strays and 4 surrenders.

We had 8 outgoing dogs - 7 adopted and 1 redeemed.

17 cats at shelter - 1 in foster.

Six dogs in shelter.

Discussed a dog came in as a stray - never reclaimed. Shelter that shows up as shelter that adopted her out - they refused to take her back until they have room. Hannah agreed to take two puppies if they will take her back. Also, suggested contacting Dane County Humane Society to see if they would take the dog.

*****Treasurers Report, Lisa**

*Net Ordinary Income for the full year 2023 with the Estates was \$426,196 or a loss of \$28,659 without the estates.

*The major change on the balance sheet for 2023, besides the added money in the bank due to the estates were the capital expense for new electrical panels increased Fixed Assets – Building Improvements of \$9,950 and the \$12,036 reduction on our mortgage. Restricted Funds have been reduced by \$10K in 2023, as we spent funds that were directed to medical needs and associated with the Packer grant.

*Highlights for January 2024 numbers include receiving the protective custody payment from the county \$25,598 on the income side and the snow removal costs of \$1,525 on the expense side of things. Interest was high due to semi-annual CD interest being recorded. So, as is usual we will have a positive net ordinary income for January 2024, around \$30K.

*Discussion on process to record Gifts In Kind.

*Sent waiver from Audit to State of Wisconsin - waiver requested because of one-time bequests.

*Lisa C moved to roll CD at BMO into 13 month special interest rate, it was seconded by Lisa S and Dawn V and approved by the board.

*Cara sent in property tax exemption form.

*****Other reports as needed:**

Building & Grounds - Shanna reported that she met with JT with Potterton Rule to see what he would list the building at - \$450,000 - \$500,000. It would be approximately \$300,000 to buy 3-5 acres and put in the utilities/ parking lot/ etc. Shanna noted that if she and Hannah are accepted into the fellowship, they will tour other shelters. 3 Day Conference in April. Sharon suggested we contact a kennel design company when we have our vision set.

Lisa S suggested that Shanna and Hannah develop their vision for a new shelter if they are admitted to the fellowship and complete the shelter visits. It would be good to create a list of: 1. Need to have, 2. Would like to have, 3. Don't need in terms of spaces/rooms/ services/

Sharon noted that there is still water coming into the garage. The only solution is to put in a concrete floor.

Animal welfare - Shanna reported that they used up some of the Packer grant funds for the cat area.

Fundraising - No report.

Nomination Committee - Discussion about annual meeting - Dawn, Cammi, and Deb will be nominated for three-year terms. Lisa C for a one-year term. Shanna will make up some ballots.

Garage Sale Donations - Char noted we have not asked for donations for the past three garage sales due to the estate sale items - but we will next time. Char is working on the policies and procedures for those donations. Sale tentatively planned for 4/ 18 - 4/20.

4. Public Comment

Lisa C proposed we invite members to join board committees at the annual meeting.

Next meeting is March 4th, 2024

5. Adjournment

Adjourn at 6:51 for Closed Session.

Meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted Lisa Schnedler