

Iowa County Humane Society Board Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023 6:30 PM Meeting Room at Shelter

Attendees:

Board: Char Paglini, Lisa Cvengros, Tracie Johnson, Denny Marklein. Excused – Lisa Schnedler

Staff: Shanna Gundlach, Hannah Guenther

Members: Janice Olson, Sharon Shea

I. Call To Order at 6:28pm by Char.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, May 1 – Motion by Tracie, seconded by Char

III. Discussion of “thank you” notes – Shanna explained right now doing, \$100 to \$499 done by staff written snail mail note, \$500 above done by board president written snail mail note, do not send anything for below \$100. For monthly giver and larger donors (\$2,500+) also send a year-end summary and thank you. Paypal thank yous are via email, since in some cases only have an email. Shanna and Char will explore if can send more thank you by email.

IV. Reports:

- Executive Director, Happenings at the Shelter
 - Poppy went home with a foster family good fit for the dog for now
 - 27 kittens and only 8 spoken for so more adopters needed
 - Gunner – Bissel said he can go to another rescue, so can be transferred if we can find another shelter. Kellen working on a training plan to improve Gunner behavior issues and staff working with Gunner too.
 - Packer Grant – new play yard quote \$15K+, but does not include burying it since would be so costly. Did send update to Packer grant, folks stating still getting quotes on fencing but due to increase costs may use the funds instead to improve our holding kennel area (6 new kennels with flooring and roofs) and some cat condos instead.
 - Kiwanis donation – they were glad to hear from us and are open to new ideas for the use of the grant funds. Asked for ICHS to come to a future Kiwanis meeting to tell them what we did with the funds.
 - Volunteer Sue has offered to assist with grant writing, so looking into grants for new equipment for Hannah (microscope lens not working)
 - Midway Lanes Rutting Bucks money received for \$400, Shanna got the check.
 - Olivia Zimmer memorial Summer Frolic walk in 2nd weekend in June will be donated to us
 - Canine Good Citizen class – Pam and Joy discussing future dates
 - The Mind Shaft (Mineral Point bar) fundraiser in July 15th, where drinks proceeds, tips and donations jars available
 - Wed., July 26th is the Lands End sale too – Sharon would like Shanna to look for a Lands End file that use to be in ED’s office.
 - Aug 19th will be the Clear the Shelter event a number of vendors have been confirmed and we have a number of items for a silent auction. Plan on doing microchipping and doing a pop-up garage sale.
 - Hannah taking Vet Tech test July 20th also looking into Humane Officer class in Sept and a Euthanasia class (discussed DEA requirements that go with that)
- Kennel Manager – Animal Statistics
 - Adoptions: Cats/Kittens = 10, Dogs = 3
 - Transferred in 2 dogs (American Bulldogs may be a bonded pair) from rescue in the Waunakee area, that rescue is more focused on transports from the South and donated \$350 for their care.
 - Transferred out 2 cats that were brought in as strays but originally came from Columbus Humane Society so they took them back.
- Treasurer's Report (Finance and Investment Committees)
 - Through the end of May, our Revenue is \$111K about 30% of annual budget. Estate Sale and Garage Sale to date has brought in 4,115 and adoptions remain strong. Expenses are \$128K – utilities (Electric, Gas, Water) still up about 20% over last year. Dog expenses up. So, net ordinary income a loss of \$17K.

- 990 has been filed and on the website and the Charity renewal with the State of WI is complete
- Shanna working on getting an updated budget for 2023 put together.
- Venmo will not be used for the Lands End food booth sales, too time consuming to make sure we really received the money.
- Committee Reports:
 - Animal Welfare & Enrichment – see Packer grant discussion for kennel improvement and cat condos, Emma and Janice talking about cat walks, discussing painting cat rooms more light colors to reduce stress on cat, creating a more fear-free environment.
 - Fundraising (updates on various dates and events) – Sharon organizing Lands End food sale Wed., July 26th, need lots of volunteers, need help starting at 6AM to set up, use to use Sign-up Genius to get volunteers to work different shifts. Need to be ready to start selling at 8AM and go to 5-6PM, no water is available so need to haul water in if want it, makes having cold pop a challenge. Will sell food and baked good. Denny to help with coffee supplies, so plan to sell it. Bags of veggies, etc. Shanna and Sharon to work on all the details, there are many. It is a lot of work, so asking to get the word out that we need help. Need to find businesses that will donate, Millers’s Market, HiPoint?, Bob’s BBQ?, Red Zone?, Hannah had some contacts too, etc. Budget to bring in \$1,250 income and spend \$450, net \$800.
 - Building & Grounds - Denny has pipes for front play yard, Scott still working on getting all the furnace exhaust covered so birds do not get in them. Tinting for front doors being worked on too. If having trouble getting Denny, his new phone is 608- 341-5152.
 - Personnel - Nothing
 - Others as needed: Garage Sale, Estate Sale – making sales and working on getting some new stuff too. Plan to do some special ads for more unique items. Working with Robyn at Primitive Antiques too.

IV. Public Comment

- Janice – it would be nice to see ICHS involved in some way with Dodgeville Farmers Appreciation July 8th and 9th, either in parade with Paw Patrol and dogs or like Tony did with Sip ‘n Savor last year
- Sharon – we need to be transparent with all that we know about a animal, especially if any aggression issues (dog/animal or people issues).
- Janice – when will you have a volunteer coordinator, with more volunteers coming in that do not understand animal behavior and how their actions can harm the cats for example. We need more training for the volunteers, so understand how to interact with the animals.
- Sharon really has noticed how the shelter is looking much better, clean and groomed both inside and out.
- Carolyn Smith (attorney) may be interested in joining the board. Dawn Driscoll said going to submit application on-line

Next meeting is Wed., July 5th at 6:30 pm (Tracie can not make it and is excused from the meeting)

8:05 pm Char moved us into Closed Session, Lisa C seconded it, Shanna invited to stay.

9:56 pm Tracie motioned to moved out of Closed Session, Char second

VI. Adjournment at 9:58 pm – Tracie motioned to adjourned and Char seconded.

Respectively submitted by Lisa Cvengros