

Iowa County Humane Society

Board Meeting

June 8, 2015

Board members present: Marcia Thompson, Lisa Cvengros, John Mutschler, Mike Van Sicklen

Absent: Rene Christesen, Pam Richardson

Public present: Terri Davis

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

The May minutes were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa stated that net income for the recent period is down 96% compared to last year. Income is down 17% in part due to not receiving the Humane Officer payment. Good news was that the recent Plant Sale set a record high of \$2608 (this is specified for animal medical expenses). Focus on Energy incentives brought in \$2856 to help with the furnace project (this is specified for the building fund). Donations are down 43%; however the summer mailing will go out next week. We do have \$31,942 in unrestricted funds in the bank. Note that the normal monthly expenses are \$22,500 so income in the next two months is essential. Please see the report posted on the website for more details.

Kennel Manager's Report: There were 7 dogs at the shelter the end of May and 3 dogs in foster care. 41 cats at the shelter and 18 cats in foster care. Bonnie noted that the kitten season started earlier this year. Bonnie will work on pulling together statistics from 2014 for a report used by Maddie's Fund to award grants. A grant will not be available however for 2016 since the fund's focus is not applicable (vet students).

Office Coordinator's Report: Binga reported that we had 20 kittens by the end of May and expressed gratitude to those who foster kittens. Some of the older kittens will be available for adoption soon.

Outreach/Fundraising Manager's Report: The Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce "Business after 5" meeting held at the shelter was successful but attendance was less than hoped for. Jen will order 500 of the newly designed Thank You notecards. Exact wording is yet to be approved. A discussion of the CRM communication program will be presented next month. Fundraising events are listed below under the committee report. At this time banners will not be purchased. A change in donation boxes will be further researched.

Committee Reports:

- Spay/ Neuter Program- waiting for final participation commitments from the vets
- AWE- Hannah Twiton has been doing extra work with dog behavior modification ,
- Fundraising- Upcoming events are Mounds Fest, In-store Mounds days, Lands' End Market June 20, Dodgeville Days (dinner, band in August). The next Fundraising meeting is June 18 at 6:15 pm.
- Building & Grounds- Last week was a 3 day work session which filled a 20 yard dumpster with scrap from the building. Some repairs were made and many opening in the building outside walls were insulated and closed which should cause reduction in heating and cooling bills. The flooring and painting project is almost finished.
- Personnel- no report

Other issues:

- Should ICBS have requirements for already owned pets when evaluating adopters? - Consensus was that adoptions should be considered on a case by case basis. Care (vaccinations up to date and appropriate spay/neuter) of present pets is an indication of potential care of the newly adopted pet. Present pets are those listed on the adoption application, not, for example, feral cats who might be fed.
- The office staff needs to be more aggressive in being sure that visitors in the cat area are qualified volunteers or are seriously looking to adopt- not an amusement area or babysitting service! Tours for first-time visitors are encouraged and often result in friends of ICBS and donors.
- Marcia made a motion that no painting or alteration of the building should happen without Board approval. There was no support and the motion died. Later in the meeting Terri presented a drawing of a proposed mural in a cat community room (barn scene) which the Board approved.
- ICBS will again provide volunteers for Dairyland Dare Aug 7 & 8.
- Discussion with Sheriff Michek regarding the Humane Officer position is being pursued; however so far he is not replying to phone calls by Marcia.

The meeting went into closed session at 8:15, and was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Marcia Thompson