

Iowa County Humane Society
Board Meeting
August 11, 2014

Board members present: Marcia Thompson, Sharon Shea, Lisa Cvengros and Pam Richardson
Board members absent: Jan Tabor
Staff present: Bonnie Zimmerman, Danielle Rufenaucht, Lisa Thomas
Public present: Terri Davis

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

The minutes of the July meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurers report was submitted and approved and will be available on the website.

The board had been notified that an anonymous donor had offered a \$15,000 no interest loan to ICHS for the purpose of paying the past due property taxes. A resolution was made to accept the loan and the resolution was passed by email vote. Lisa Cvengros reports that the taxes have now been paid.

Bonnie Zimmerman was commended for helping to keep utility costs down. Due to her vigilance ICHS utility costs were down by 20%.

Lisa Cvengros reported on the weekly cash sheets which include donations and adoptions noting that Iowa County had contributed the most money with Dane County in the #2 spot, Grant County #3, Sauk County #4 and LaFayette County #5. A more detailed report is available.

Directors report was submitted and accepted. Lisa Thomas reported that the municipality bills were mailed mid-July and that payments are starting to come in. A new office assistant started on 8/6/14 to replace Sarah whose last day will be 8/15/14. Lisa T. suggested that the adoption fees be changed and that the more adoptable animals have a higher adoption fee. This would help defray the costs associated with the less adoptable animals who may need medical or behavioral help before being placed in homes. This will be reviewed. There will be another cat promotion on August 22 to try to get more of the cats into homes.

CFSW Grants are available for projects that can improve the community as a whole. The Grants range from \$500 to \$2000. It was suggested that ICHS could provide a program to the schools on "Dog Bite Prevention". Lisa T. will follow up.

Lisa T. is looking into a possible change of email providers. MHTC is the current provider but there have been problems with emails not being received or being delayed.

The Kennel Managers report was submitted and accepted. Bonnie reported that there is a total of 112 animals in the shelter, most of them are cats. There are 8 dogs currently in the shelter and 3 dogs in foster care. There was a dog bite incident involving Rags and Sterling when Linda lost control of Rags and he attacked Sterling who was being walked by Dylan. There were no injuries to staff but Sterling was bitten. Sterlings injuries were treated by the Dodgeville Veterinary Service and he is doing well. Rags will be reevaluated. It was recommended that

Linda no longer walk dogs. Currently there are 5 dogs to be evaluated and they are scheduled to be done within the next week.

Front Office report submitted and accepted.

AWE committee--no report but a meeting will be scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds--An interior electrical panel has been replaced and space for a dog quarantine room has been provided. The next meeting will be August 13.

Personnel committee--A staff development workshop has been scheduled for August 27 at 2 PM.

Other discussion.

The surrender policy may need to be reevaluated and there will be discussion of this at a later date.

Municipality contracts will go out in September and changes in the contract language may be necessary. There has been a problem with some municipalities refusing to cover stray cats. Suggestions were made to make the public aware that some municipalities are no longer willing to pay for housing and care of stray cats and to change the due date of the contracts to November 15th. Additional discussion included reducing the price paid by municipalities for cats to encourage them to include cats in the contracts. More discussion followed.

A motion was made by Sharon that the language in the new contracts reflect a reduction in price for cats to \$75.00 with the price for dogs to remain the same \$125.00 and further that municipalities must contract for both cats and dogs. Municipalities will continue to have the option to pay \$500.00 up front or to pay per animal. Motion was seconded and carried.

Lisa T. will send out the new letter reflecting these changes along with the contracts on Sept 15th, requesting that they be signed and returned by Jan. 31st.

Lisa T will follow up with Mounds on the possibility of dog food donations. She will also do the next "Pet of the Week" appearance.

Lisa T will begin to promote the note cards provided by Judge Dyke as well as other merchandise for sale on both the website and on Facebook.

The possibility of online auctions or sales of donated items will be investigated.

Currently there are no Huber workers at ICHS.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Pam Richardson