

**The Dane County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
November 16, 2005**

Board Attendees: Cathy Holmes, Jan Viney, Pam Tauscher Coshun, Gary Godding, Ellen Markey, Ellyn Mohs, Dr. Sara Orvick

Excused: John Bloodgood, Bridget Bush

Staff: Pam McCloud Smith, Tracy Earll

Call To Order: 11:05 A.M.

Motion to accept the October 19th board minutes as amended: Gary Godding, Seconded by Ellen Markey.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Update: Pam met with alderperson Judy Compton about the water problems on the property and was given direction to write a letter Larry Nelson or Mike Daily from the City of Madison so they are aware of our ongoing water issues. She is waiting for a response back.

DCHS has run out of space for cats at this time. The euthanasia rate has gone up for “treatable” cats (sick cats that come into the shelter with health problems that are treatable). The target still remains to not euthanize healthy cats. The mild weather we had through mid November seems to partially be the reason for the overcrowding.

Marcus Theaters is working with Pam to fill advertising space in the theater previews hopefully starting in December. Tracy Earll is also working with T.V. stations for advertising.

The county proposal seems to be progressing along with the money in the budget as presented.

Financial Update: Cathy Holmes

Items of note:

- Cash balance continues to shrink.
- Pam Smith expects some estate money to come in before the end of the year for more than originally thought.
- Maintenance and repair stat was up for the month due to a new server needed. --
- There was a financial service upgrade as well.
- Corporate sponsors are down.

Position Statements:

5 statements have been approved for communication to the public in the following categories:

Companion animal identification program

Companion animals at large

Cloning of companion animals

Free roaming domestic cats

Rabies Vaccinations

We are currently working on the Position Statements for Dangerous Dog Laws. Pam Smith with try and re word it to be shorter and more straightforward on what constitutes a “dangerous dog”, then a policy statement will follow.

Position statements will be reviewed throughout the year by the Board on a regular basis so we continue to keep them up to date.

Membership Discussion

The Dane County Humane Society has seen a steady decline in our membership base and feels that the issue needs to be addressed by the board. Each board member gave their thoughts on the advantages of membership and how DCHS can benefit from having this base. They are as follows: Provide future fundraising opportunities, connects members of the community to the shelter, helps establish long-term relationships beyond money and provides some revenue from fees charged for membership. Tracy Earll will re work the membership changes based on these four issues and will present it after her leave.

Strategic Planning

In an effort to move forward on the Board’s strategic planning objectives we decided to set aside an afternoon to concentrate solely on this subject and have a facilitator to help get us started. We will be meeting December 16th.

Meeting adjourned for closed session at 12:40 P.M. to discuss the budget.

Budget needs approval for 2006 at the December 21’ 2005 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ellyn Mohs
Board Secretary