

**The Dane County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2006**

Board Attendees: John Bloodgood, Ellen Markey, Bridget Bush, Cathy Holmes, Gary Godding, Ellyn Mohs, Dr. Sara Orvick

Excused: Pam Tauscher Coshun

Staff: Steve Lokker

Call To Order: 11:03 A.M.

Motion to accept February 2006 minutes: John Bloodgood. Second by Ellen Markey. No discussion. Motion carries.

Motion to accept March 2006 minutes: Cathy Holmes. Second by John Bloodgood. No discussion. Motion carries.

Financial Update – Bridget Bush

DCHS has switched banks as of April 18, 2006 to Associated Bank. The rates were better.

Grants are being denied as of late so our grant income dropped significantly. We now have someone on staff that is willing to write them and are actively looking for more people to try and change this trend.

Membership numbers decreased again. In kind donations are down and Memorials are down as well.

We now have a new category in the budget for advertising. This will allow us to keep better track of monies spent.

Larger items purchased contributing to this months expenses were computers and a new (much needed) washer and dryer.

Strategic Update – Steve Lokker

Steve and Pam McCloud Smith have been meeting regularly and working to identify significant efficiencies and inefficiencies at the shelter. They are working very closely with all the department leaders. Progress is being made and should have information to the Board by late summer.

Management Reporting Structure – Jan Viney

Jan suggested that Pam's reports should come to us in conjunction with the vision and goals laid out by the board last month. How does the shelter come up with solutions to

problems or unexpected issues? What are the priorities and time frames when seeking solutions? What gets sacrificed at the expense of something else? Knowing the answers to these questions will help the board come up with the visions and goals for next year.

Membership Plan

The new membership plan is scheduled for kickoff in late June or early July. Hopefully this will help get the decreasing membership levels up and start us on a more positive trend.

Position Statements (All three are attached)

The following position statements were approved by the Board of Directors at this months meeting. They are as follows: Puppy Mills, Animal Giveaways and Wild and Exotic Animals.



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Motion to accept position statements for “Animal Giveaways for Commercial Promotion”, “Puppy Mills and Mass Breeding Of Companion Animals”, and “Wild or Exotic Animals as Companion Animals” by John Bloodgood. Second by Jan Viney. No Discussion. Motion carries.

Ovature Proposal

The Board had an introductory discussion on this proposal which will be carried into next month after there has been an opportunity to research further.

Annual Meeting

All board members up for re election have to get their profiles to Steve Lokker for posting on the website by mid May.

Bylaw Review

We will be reviewing the Bylaws at next month’s meeting in detail so the Board was asked to come prepared to discuss any changes, questions or comments worthy of discussion.

Meeting adjourned 12:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Ellyn Mohs

DCHS Board Secretary