

**The Dane County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2006**

Board Attendees: Jan Viney, Cathy Holmes, Bridget Bush, Ellen Markey, John Bloodgood, Ellyn Mohs, Dr. Sara Orvick, Pam Tauscher Coshun

Excused: Gary Godding

Staff: Sean McBride, Pam McCloud Smith, Gayle Viney

Minutes from May 2006 board meeting to be approved at the July 2006 board meeting.

New Business:

DCHS has two new staff members who were welcomed at this meeting. They are Sean McBride the new Development and Communications director and Gayle Viney, Public Relations and Membership Coordinator. Both Sean and Gayle spoke of their backgrounds and their enthusiasm about being at DCHS.

Financial Update: Bridget Bush

May financials didn't reflect a lot of change from the previous month with the exception of the Bark and Wine fundraiser. Also of note is that memberships are still down and next months Animal Services costs are expected to be way up due to the recent Pit Bull seizure.

Executive Director Update – Pam McCloud Smith

Ovature proposal from last month may be on hold for the time being. The company is in the process of merging with another so we are waiting to hear from them the status of proposal.

Pam handed out a letter on primate research being conducted at the U.W. graduate school. She requested the Board reads the letter and will discuss at next month's board meeting.

Pit Bull Seizure continues to be a strain on kennel space and staffing. Four of the dogs seized are being isolated for aggression and the rest are in kennels that are screened from each other. The dogs have been people friendly so far but all of them are dog aggressive. DCHS is trying to move current "adoptable" dogs out quickly because of space. Two grants have been applied for through the Humane Society of America and Petsmart, respectively. Improved security has been arranged at the shelter to accommodate this fluid situation.

Strategic Update:

Sean McBride and Pam McCloud Smith are meeting before July's Board Meeting to formulate a new development plan.

The golf outing scheduled for the fall of 2006 has been postponed until next summer so that proper planning can take place.

Old Business

Cathy Holmes suggested that there needs to be a way to keep board policy decisions for the next generation of board members. DCHS should keep electronic and paper files of all decisions passed by the current board members as well as those past. Jan Viney will look through her files and pull up the ones during her tenure as Board Secretary and Ellyn Mohs will do the same.

New Business:

The Board agrees that DCHS should have a position statement on Dangerous Dogs, not just breed bans. This will be worked on in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned for closed session: 12:26 P.M.

Closed session adjourned 12:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Ellyn Mohs

DCHS Board Secretary