

**The Dane County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 16, 2006**

**Board Attendees: Cathy Holmes, Jan Viney, Bridget Bush, Gary Godding, John Bloodgood, Ellen Markey, Pam Tauscher-Coshun, Ellyn Mohs**

**Excused: Dr. Sara Orvick**

**Staff: Sara Hoven**

Call to order 11:02 A.M.

*Motion to accept July 2006 Board Minutes by John Bloodgood, seconded by Gary Godding. No discussion, motion carried.*

**Financial Update: Bridget Bush**

Items of note in financial report:

- ❖ Adoption numbers are up.
- ❖ Stray adoption income up due to special promotion.
- ❖ Donation monies have gone up probably due to public support for the pit bull seizure and increased P.R. last month.
- ❖ An estate donation was also received.
- ❖ Shelter had to use part of a line of credit to cover expenditures
- ❖ Salaries came in under budget due to imposed hiring freeze for specific positions.
- ❖ Animal services expenses are up due to two large orders that came in.
- ❖ External and emergency vet care are up due to Pit Bull emergency services.

**Pit Bull Update: Cathy Holmes**

- ❖ The press conference held last month on the seized dogs from the Robert Lowery case was proactive and positive. For a copy of the press statement please refer to our website at [www.giveshelter.org](http://www.giveshelter.org).
- ❖ Generally speaking the seized Pit Bulls are not doing well in the shelter environment. The number of very aggressive cases has gone from 7 to 8 this month. DCHS has petitioned the courts to have these 8 dogs euthanized.
- ❖ Robert Lowery gave a petition to have the dogs released from the Dane County Humane Society and an August 23, <sup>2006</sup> Civil Settlement conference is scheduled.

**Adjourn open session: 11:45 A.M.**

**Closed session adjourned: 1:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

*Ellyn Mohs*

**DCHS Board Secretary**