

**The Dane County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2006**

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

Staff: Pam McCloud Smith

Excused: Gary Godding

Call to order: 11:06 A.M.

Motion to accept the October 18, 2006 board meeting minutes as amended by Bridget Bush. Seconded by Ellen Markey. No discussion, motion carried.

Financial Update: Bridget Bush

- Grant income slightly up due to Ringworm grant that came in last month.
- Adoption income is on target.
- Memberships down
- Donations are up a bit.
- An estate came in.
- Spay and neuter services costs are up because of a spay day held last month. There was also an increase in the number of surgeries done that day.
- Unemployment compensation costs are up but Pam just received word they are going down.
- Cruelty and neglect costs were over once again due to Pit bulls.

Executive Director Update – Pam McCloud Smith

New mailings are about to go out for the holidays. They are going to both members and non members and include a purchased mail list to target potential new members.

The Resource Manager position has been posted and applications have been coming in already. Jan Viney will be assisting Pam in screening them.

Pam and Cathy Holmes have met with Janet Piarino (the Mayors Chief of Staff) and Topf Wells regarding the Pit bulls. They took a tour of the facility and stated they would meet with the D.A. Brian Blanchard to help move the case along against Robert Lowery.

Lowrey/Pitbull update: A new court date has been set for January. Discussions continue with no resolution. DCHS is getting a \$100,00.00 payment from the county in January of 2007. We are pleased to be getting this amount but it doesn't cover the costs incurred of \$160,000.00 as of today's date.

Development Committee Update

A new Development Director search will be started in January.

Experienced fundraiser Polly Duchow may be interested in helping out DCHS by doing a development luncheon and said she will come to the next development meeting to discuss the next steps.

Legislative Committee Update – Ellen Markey

Ellen stated the 25 people came to the initial legislative committee meeting expressing a shared interest in helping DCHS with a variety of legislative issues. She divided the interests into sub groups such as lobbying, legislative, general and public relations. All these groups will be meeting separately over the next month or so and come together in January.

New Business:

Budget 2007

The draft for the 2007 budget was handed out for Board review. \$100,000.00 from the county is included in this budget as referenced above for the Pit-bull costs. There are no estates included. New budget shows a 190,511.00 loss budgeted for next year.

Action item: Board needs to go over budget and ask questions before the December 2006 board meeting so voting can take place at the December 20th board meeting.

Bark and Wine: Each board member needs to provide 10 names to the committee of potential invitees to the event.

Board Member Positions: Cathy Holmes proposes adding 3 ex officio board members to the board for 1 year terms.

Motion to add 3 ex officio board positions to board of directors with terms that begin in January and last 1 year: Cathy Holmes. Seconded by John Bloodgood. No discussion, motion carried.

County Contract: Proposal to eliminate Humane Officer monies from the budget this year so that the responsibility of that job will lie with the County.

Motion to move that the new 2007 County Contract will be written without the inclusion of the Humane Officer function: Cathy Holmes. Seconded by John Bloodgood. No discussion, motion carried.

DCHS staff received word that cost reductions need to happen throughout the organization. The news went over fairly well and staff was invited to provide feedback and cost reduction suggestions. The leadership team has met and plans to have cuts starting in December.

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By

Ellyn Mohs

DCHS Board Secretary