

**The Dane County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 20, 2007**

**Board Members: Bridget Bush, Cathy Holmes, Jane Viney, Polly Duchow, Bridget Bush, Ellen Markey, Ellyn Mohs, Dr. Sara Orvick, John Bloodgood**

**Excused: Gary Godding**

**Staff: Pam McCloud Smith**

**Guests: Tom Springer. George Petak, Tricia Ciochon**

**John Bloodgood moved to approve the May 2007 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Jan Viney. No discussion, motion carried.**

**Legislative Committee – Ellen Markey**

Ellen Markey introduced Ms. Ciochon, Mr. Springer and Mr. Petak from the lobbying firm of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek and invited them to speak with the board on our efforts to revise legislative chapter 173. They spoke with us regarding realistic expectations and time frames of passing such a bill revision and asked for board member help to meet with individual state legislatures as well as legislative committees.

The board members all introduced themselves and expressed their willingness and ability to help with this process.

**Financial Update – Bridget Bush**

**Highlights:**

- Adoptions were slightly under budget
- Membership numbers were down but still remain up for the year
- Bark & Wine raised \$63,000.00
- Contributions up for the month
- An estate came in for May
- SNAP & Spay Day were above budget
- Health insurance under budget

**Executive Director Update – Pam McCloud Smith**

Princess the Pit Bull is back at the shelter and we are searching again for a temporary foster home. She is scheduled to go out of state but they cannot take her for a few more weeks.

Dr. Newbury and Pam met with Maddies Fund last month regarding the possibility of getting a “Community Collaborative Grant”. In order to get this grant we must abide by

a lot of restrictions including the inability of taking animals at DCHS from other shelters when we are needed. The board discussed the impact this would have on shelters that need help and collaboratively felt that we are doing a lot of very positive things both in and out of the State. Such a restriction would end up hurting animals in the end. We decided not to pursue it further at this time.

Both Cathy Holmes and Pam requested advice from the board about specific volunteer issues that needed resolution.

Pam has been again contacted by a community in Arizona that is getting a Covance Research facility in their neighborhood and is concerned about it. Since Madison also has a facility they wanted information from us. We are unaware of issues at Covance so we can't give them any info on it.

### **Development Committee – Jan Viney**

Jan is working on dates for future meetings.

### **Dane County Issues – Cathy Holmes**

The money from the county is due and upon a conversation with Topf Wells we are waiting to hear next week about an amount.

Polly Duchow has started the ball rolling on the potential name change based on board and member feedback from the Annual Meeting questionnaire. So far feedback has been positive.

### **Next Month**

Joe Goode will be speaking to the board on his interest in becoming a member.

Dr. Sandra Newbury will be speaking on her work at U.C. Davis.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:50 P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

**M. Ellyn Mohs  
DCHS Board Secretary**