

**The Dane County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
August 15, 2007**

**Attendees: Cathy Holmes, Jan Viney, Ellyn Mohs, Ellen Markey, Gary Godding,
Dr Sara Orvick**

Excused: Joe Goode, Polly Duchow, John Bloodgood, Bridget Bush

Staff: Pam McCloud Smith

Call to order: 11:07 A.M.

Cathy Holmes moved to approve the July 2007 board minutes as amended. Seconded by Gary Godding. No discussion, motion carried.

Financial Update – Cathy Holmes

- Total Revenue about \$73,000.00 behind YTD.
- Expenses – Legal Fees up.
- Building Expenses over budget
- Animal services budget overage due mostly to cruelty/neglect.
- Expenses overall up even without the Lowrey/pitbull costs factored in.
- Investment portfolio is down due to stock market fluxuations.

E.D. Update – Pam McCloud Smith

Jan Viney asked about the success of the Thompson Correctional workers program. Pam mentioned it was mixed because of the difficulty in training new people weekly to do the work. They do not send the same workers each week, which is proving to be an extra time commitment for the DCHS staff. Pam will schedule a meeting with the coordinator to see how to improve the relationship.

We are having some problems with our software Adopt A Friend and are switching to Pet Point.

We received a time-share as a donation at Christmas Mountain Campground. Pam says we don't really know how we could benefit from this without selling it (which has been approved by the donor).

Cathy Holmes moves that Joe Goode (member of the Board) is authorized to execute the necessary steps to sell the Christmas Mountain Timeshare recently donated to DCHS. Joe is authorized to sell this for whatever is deemed equitable and fair. Seconded by Jan Viney. No discussion, motion carried.

Other Legal Matters:

In the matter of the Estate of Alice Goldsby: DCHS has been named a beneficiary to Ms. Goldsby's estate but was done so in her hospital bed therefore the validity is being questioned by the former beneficiaries.

After a brief discussion:

Cathy Holmes moves that we designate to direct what Joe Goode considers to be an appropriate level of negotiation for this estate. Ellen seconded. No discussion, motion carried.

In the matter of the Robert and Catherine Jacobsen – the niece (Deirdra Hutchinson) is suing because she was cut out of the trust that both she and DCHS had been original beneficiaries. Upon the death of Robert, the beneficiaries were changed and excluded both DCHS and Ms. Hutchinson. The circumstances of this exclusion may be in question. As a result, the DCHS board instructs our attorney to preserve our rights.

Development Committee Update – Jan is having lunch with Pam Tauscher Coshun on new directions for development.

Legislative Committee Update

Ellen has had several meetings with lawmakers and the response has been very good. If we can get legislation passed this year our costs will be much less. The current dog fighting case in the national news seemed to have helped put this issue front and center. This continues to move forward.

Dr. Newbury's report in July – the board was pleased with her report and asked Pam to extend our appreciation for her presentation.

County Update – we received the \$100,000.00 from the county. Ellen, Gary and Cathy will meet after this meeting regarding the contract for next year.

Board Timeline

Notes: Board policies need to be assembled and reviewed

Board member agreements need to be updated in September.

We will pick up position statements where we left off last year.

Bylaw review committee to meet as well.

Name Change-The board discussed moving the name change forward soon. We are organizing a committee to start this effort and should have something to report by the October board meeting.

New Board Member Candidates

Joyce Rose expressed interest in a board position. Andrew Welyczko's name has also been brought up as a potential candidate.

Joyce will come in to speak with us in September.

Open Session adjourned: 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ellyn Mohs

DCHS Board Secretary