

Iowa County Humane Society
Board Meeting
May 12, 2014

Board members present: Marcia Thompson, Sharon Shea, Jan Tabor, Lisa Cvengros and Pam Richardson

Others present: Bonnie Zimmerman--Kennel Operations Manager, Danielle Rufenaucht--Front Office Coordinator.

Public present: Arnette Small

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

The minutes of the April meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurers report was submitted and approved and will be available on the website along with the 990 (with donor names redacted).

The subject of the outstanding property taxes was discussed. Jan plans to meet with the city to discuss the possibility that the city might forgive some or all of the interest and penalties and allow monthly payments on the balance.

Available space on ICHS website discussed. Danielle will go over the website to delete any outdated material and free up more space.

Managers Reports.

The Kennel Managers report was given and accepted.

Discussion on "cat care days" followed with an explanation of how the cat care days are determined.

Arnette suggested that ICHS do a special promotion to help get the "special needs" cats adopted. This has been successful in the past to place cats with health problems. ICHS currently has 12 cats that are identified as special needs.

Maddy's fund was discussed, especially the possibility of future grants. It was felt that the availability of new grants will be limited.

Mounds has a program that supplies dog and cat food to humane and rescue organizations at no cost. They have been contacted to see if ICHS could be included. They had not responded as of this date.

Bonnie reports that she has updated the application form for the ICHS Pet Food Pantry and will have people reapply. There has been a problem with people depending on the Pantry continually for all their pet food needs. The Pantry was only meant to give temporary help and not meant as a permanent source of pet food. Bonnie states that she feels that the new application will solve this problem.

ADRC will be contacted to make sure they are aware of our Pet Food Pantry. They can make sure that any of their clients who need temporary assistance getting food for their pets will know that help is available.

Office Coordinator report was given and accepted.

Outreach report was given by Sharon Shea.

Walmart "Family Fun Day" was May 10th and volunteers manned the ICHS booth from 10AM to 4PM. \$26.80 in donations were received.

Sharon spoke with the owner of Andersons Family Farm. They travel with a small petting zoo of farm animals to various celebrations and fundraisers in the area. They might be willing to bring their animals to our Summer fundraiser for just the price of gas. Sharon will contact them for more details.

Committee Reports

AWE--nothing to report.

Fundraising committee. Committee will meet on Thursday May 15th at 2 PM.

The annual plant sale will be the next two Saturdays--May 17th and May 24th.

May 31st will be the Barn Dance.

June 7th is the date chosen for the Wine Tasting. This will be held at ICHS from 1PM to 4PM. Jan noted that a permit will be necessary since there will be alcohol served. Sharon will take care of obtaining the permit.

There will be various wines, chocolates and cheeses and ICHS will be selling cream puffs. In addition there will be chair massages, a martial arts demo and reflexology demos. Dr. Holter will give a demo of animal chiropractic. This fundraiser will be for humans only--no pets will be allowed. Sharon will contact Dr. Holter to see if he wants to bring a dog for the chiropractic demonstration or if he would like us to provide the dog(s).

June 8th is Mounds Dog Fest. ICHS will have a booth. Arnette, Rhonda Martin and Sharon have volunteered to represent ICHS. Bonnie will order t-shirts with the ICHS logo to sell at the booth.

June 21 is the Red Room Bar and Restaurant fundraiser. There will be bands from 2PM to 6PM and then again from 8PM to Midnight. Raffles, door prizes and jello shots will be offered. In addition there will be roast pork, beer and chips. A \$10 fee will be charged and that will cover entertainment and food.

There is a possibility that Cisco Foods may donate or defray the cost of the roast pork. Sharon will follow up with them.

There will need to be 4 volunteers available to help with cleanup at midnight. All of the proceeds will go to ICHS.

The summer mailing will need to be done by the end of June.

Other events include an online auction in July, the Summer Carnival July 12th and the Lands End food booth July 23.

Danielle and Bonnie will start using Facebook as much as possible to promote ICHS fundraisers and other events.

Building and Grounds Committee. No meeting was held.

There are problems with the AC in the dog kennel. When Collins and Hying checked they found that it was an electrical problem and there was no electricity to the AC. The Buildings and Grounds Committee have been informed and will be looking into the best solution.

Personnel Committee

The position of Outreach Director/Humane Officer will be advertised on the Wisconsin Workforce Website.

Other discussion.

Bonnie stated that the Mt. Horeb Vet will provide a pickup service for those wanting to take advantage of a low cost spay and neuter clinic. Appointment can be made with Bonnie for pickup at ICCHS on May 28th.

Sharon noted that she was contacted by Art and Michelle Helin of "Wild Reflections" photography. They have offered to help with fundraising by donating a percentage of sales to ICCHS or allowing ICCHS to use one of their images on various items that could be offered for sale. They also expressed a willingness to come to ICCHS to take photos and to donate items for ICCHS fundraisers. Here is a link to his website: <http://wildreflectionsphoto.com/>

The next ICCHS board meeting will be Monday June 9th at 6:30 PM at the shelter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM