

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2009**

Members Present: President: Mike Wagner, Secretary: Mary Whitmar, Treasurer: Todd Novak
Rhonda Marten, Carrie Baumhover

Others Present: Shelter Director Teresa Duerst, Outreach Director Cheri Phillmore

Board meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

The board would like to recognize and thank the citizens who were present and participated in the board meeting this evening.

Minutes

Minutes of the April 23rd board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Carrie to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried.

Outreach Director/Humane Officer Report

Report is as attached.

In addition under fundraising income it was noted that Mary Ann Petrak raised \$85 for the shelter from sales of refreshments at her garage sale. We thank her for her efforts!

Operations Director Report

Report is as attached.

Shelter Population: 50 Cats, 26 Dogs.

Foster Care: 14 Cats, 3 Dogs.

An added note, the 4-H dog program is starting to gear up with 5 students so far signed up to work with dogs. Teresa will be looking at suitable dogs for this year's program.

The success of this program last year and the hard work the 4-H members put into fundraising and working with our dogs was noted by the board. A motion was made by Carrie to donate \$50 to the 4-H Dog Program, motion was seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

The bank accounts have been successfully switched with three accounts now at Farmers Savings and only the payroll account remaining at M&I. These changes were made due to excessive fees at M&I.

Todd is working with the tax attorney toward settling the outstanding tax debt.

The ICBS currently had a net of \$82984.00. It was noted that we are entering our most difficult months of the year with both adoptions and donations beginning to slow.

A motion was made by Mary to accept the financial reports and discussed changes. Motion was seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried.

Fundraising

Information found in the attached Outreach Directors report.

Of note: The Spring Bake sale raised \$1101.00 for ICBS. Special thanks to Janice Olson for organizing this event.

The next upcoming fundraising event is the Quadrupedal which will take place next Sunday May 3rd.

Comments from the Public

There were some questions regarding the reminder cards and membership clarifications. Also further discussion about the 4-H program for the dogs and potential ways to find adopters for our special needs animals. Also some questions regarding the new Touched by a Paw initiative which will involve having people set up an information table with a donation jar in various locations throughout the county to help raise awareness and provide information about the ICHS. A question was raised about the "Adopt Me" bandanas and it was noted that the shelter only has one. Kari Hofer noted that she may be able to make some for us.

Other Business

Memberships are down at this point. A motion was made by Todd to send out reminder cards and seconded by Carrie. Motion carried. Cheri will get the numbers to Mary who will have the cards printed for mailing.

Mary raised the idea that as we are revamping the organization of the ICHS and working on our image this would be a good time for a face lift for the shelter and our logo. Many people are confused by the current logo and don't understand its significance. Mary presented some new logo ideas that Cheri had come up with and discussion followed. The consensus was that this would be a good time for a change and everyone liked Cheri's idea for the slogan...Iowa County Humane Society "Someone here is waiting for you"

We were able to also get input from Janice Olson regarding a logo design she had done up for the volunteers t-shirts and discussion turned to staff uniforms. The feeling is that now is the time for this so further investigation into cost, options for apparel and logo design will be done. Cheri will be coordinating this effort.

Motion was made by Todd to go into closed session, seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried. Motion to come out of closed session was made by Todd and seconded by Carrie. Motion was made by Mary to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Carrie. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICHS Board Secretary