

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 29, 2010**

Members Present: Interim President/Treasurer Todd Novak, Secretary: Mary Whitmar, Carrie Baumhover
Others Present: Shelter Director Teresa Duerst, Outreach Director Cheri Philmore
Absent: Mike Wagner

Board meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

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

Minutes

The minutes of the October board meeting had been reviewed by board members. Motion was made by Carrie to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Todd. Motion carried.

Operations Director Report

Please see the attached report with the following noted additions. We currently have a total of 60 dogs with 12 in Foster Care and 48 in shelter. This puts us well beyond capacity for both dogs and cats. In the past week we had 8 dogs and a cat surrendered to us as the result of the sudden death of their owner who was a breeder. We took in 6 Pugs, a Beagle and a Heeler mix along with a cat. We are bursting at the seams with animals with every cat room, cage and kennel filled. We are hoping for another successful cat adoption day this coming Saturday, December 4th at Pet Smart. So far we have adopted out 11 kittens through our Pet Smart adoption days.

Outreach Directors Report

Please see the attached report.

Cheri is pleased to report the following results of recent fundraising events:

Silent Auction: \$7161.35 – Special thanks to Dodger Bowl Lanes, First Weber Group, Murphy Desmond, Carrie Baumhover and all the many volunteers who made this event possible.

Culvers Percent of Sales Day: \$658.97 Thank you Culvers, Carrie Baumhover, Mary Whitmar and the volunteers who spent the day there.

UW Dog Jog: \$1364.00

Currently there is \$74,248.00 in the new building fund. (This amount does not include the \$25,000 grant we received later this month.

Upcoming fundraising opportunities:

Holiday Decoration Fundraiser– decorative greenery will be available at ICHS starting December 1st.

Santa Claws – Pet photos with Santa at PetSmart West, December 4th from 11 am to 4 pm

Potluck Supper Fundraiser – Sunday, December 5th from 4 to 7 pm, at the Clyde Community Center

Holiday Bake Sale – Love It Again children's resale located at 220 E. Chapel Street, Dodgeville Saturday, December 11th from 10 am to 1 pm

Cheri is also pleased to announce the ICHS is now on Facebook. Check us out!

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

Todd reports fantastic news...we have completely resolved our IRS debt! This is a major accomplishment, thank you Todd for all of your work on this these past many years.

The ICHS has been current on all taxes since 2006. We have also determined what level of animals/costs we can support and are managing to this level. The new facility will not be designed to handle more animals for this reason.

Also in the good news category, ICHS has received a \$25,000 grant from an anonymous donor bringing the monies raised for the new location to just over \$100,000.

There were some errors in the financial reports as printed for the meeting. Corrected reports are attached. We have been able to pay most of our bills to current with only a few outstanding which means any money raised going forward can be put toward the relocation and operating expenses.

Discussion with public on new building and related fundraising.

Current status report:

Cleaning has been completed in all the areas that will be used immediately in the new facility. After meeting with contractors it was discovered that they will need access to the remaining areas of the building therefore it was decided to bring A&J Restoration Services back in to complete the work. All cleaning will be completed by December 3rd.

The architectural and mechanical engineering plans have been submitted to the state and we are awaiting approval to move forward. There have been several meetings between the architect, mechanical engineer, electricians and plumbing and HVAC contractors.

Isthmus Electric has done some preliminary work that did not require permits and has a crew lined up to do the demolition at no charge once all plans have been approved and permits are issued.

Due to time constraints board members also met with a General Contractor about completing all work with the exception of electrical, plumbing & HVAC.

We have been informed by Mason Company that the dog kennels are not scheduled to arrive until December 29th. This poses the issue of boarding the dogs for a few weeks elsewhere until the kennels are installed and plumbed. We are researching a couple of options.

We have been fortunate to have pavers donated for some of the outside kennel bases by Blair Landscaping of Madison as well as two individuals. Mueller Implement had agreed to donate the use of equipment and Rule Construction had offered to donate a load of sand. Unfortunately Mother Nature beat us to the punch and this project will be put off until the earliest opportunity in the spring. For now the outdoor kennels will just be placed on the ground and leveled as best we can.

Dave Thoreson and Jeff Haylock have completed the large outdoor play yard and all the fencing for the outdoor kennel area that can be done until the kennels are in place. We thank you both for your extraordinary effort working outdoors in all kinds of weather and improvising to make use of materials we had on hand.

We are hoping to be able to move the outdoor kennels soon however with the high number of dogs at the kennel it is proving challenging.

Current plans include moving the cats December 27th and all inside equipment as soon as the building is ready, relocating the dogs on the 29th and cleaning the current location that last week of December as well. Volunteers will be needed to help with moving the animals, supplies and cleaning.

There was also some discussion about potential ideas for improving adoptability of dogs especially with the current over population.

Please read the attached talking points for more detailed information.

One last note, the board wishes to congratulate Mike Wagner and his wife Lisa on the early arrival of their new daughter. All are doing well however the baby will need to remain at Saint Mary's for some time due to her early arrival.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 by Mary and seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

There will not be a board meeting in December. The next regular meeting of the board will be on Monday, January 24th, 2011 at the new shelter. There will be a brief early meeting of the board at 6:00 pm followed by a Pizza Party for all staff and volunteers who wish to attend at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICHS Board Secretary