

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors Meeting
Hartsville Public Library, Hartsville, SC
February 10, 2014
6:30 pm

Members In Attendance: Jeannie Gainey, Kit Hardee, Carol Stackhouse, Billie Poston, Crystal Hulsey, Kim Tiedemann, Leslie McElveen, Robin Jones

Absent: Lynette Savereno, Jackie Kirven (arrived at 9:00), Bev Bisazza

Guests In Attendance: Kathy McGowan

Call to Order, Roll Call, FOI

Kit Hardee and Crystal Hulsey, Co-Chairpersons, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
Minutes taken by Kim Tiedemann.

Item 1: Approval of [January minutes](#)

Item 2: Budget Update

- Kathy passed out financial reports.
- The group discussed our increasing budget, the need for more payroll dollars, and the lack of funds.
- Leslie suggested that we investigate having an auction based on the auctioneer(s) she knows from the Santee auctions. The auctioneer(s) will do this for us for free.
- The group discussed cutting shelter hours and/or adding committed volunteer hours in order to keep the shelter running.
- Jeannie will talk to Randy Evans about *not allowing* AC officers to bring in animals after closing.
- Kathy McDonald distributed copies of the budget. She plans to ask for \$170,000 since we've had to hire employees to replace labor from inmates.

Item 3: County Contract

- Kathy McDonald reviewed the contract.
- Jeannie suggested in Section A, item 4, that we add the clause for a sheriff's dept or animal control officer to be on duty after hours in the event of an emergency when an animal needs to be euthanized (eg: dog recently brought to the shelter with a broken back at 8:00 pm).
- AC officers have not been completing the intake sheets in red ink (like our old system), requiring the shelter managers to take valuable time to complete the sheets. Jeannie will speak to Tyrone and Randy about enforcing this policy that is already in place.
- Kathy McGowan proposed that reclaims follow a mandatory proof of ownership policy *and* spay/neuter policy based on other states such as <http://www.foundanimals.org/docs/pdfs/spay-neuter-policy-summary-2010.pdf> and <http://www.the-proper-pitbull.com/pitbull-adoption.html>

- Kathy McDonald reminded us that when the contract is approved in July, we need to provide staff development for shelter employees.

Item 4: Radio Program

- Jeannie contacted Matt Scurry an overview of the shelter and our wish list. He has our PSA running on 6 radio stations once a day for 7 days a week. (free advertising!)

Item 5: Pee Dee Spring Bling Pageant

- Kim emailed Kennilyn Chisolm for details.
- Kim needs to get wish list from Jeannie to send to the pageant coordinator.
- Jeannie will ask Linda Pupa's daughter to be our representative from the shelter.

Item 6: New Adopter Packets

- Kim Tiedemann is still working on these.

Item 7: Rescue Business

- Kathy McDonald suggested that we investigate grants available from Ryan Newman and Greg Biffle. (Kim Tiedemann will look over these grants and submit report to the board.)
- Kathy McGowan stated that a new trend is for dealerships to donate a van to shelters. (Bamberg, MAMAS, Marion counties have all received vans and supplies.)

Item 8: Shelter Business

- Jeannie talked to Dale Surratt about inmates-not sure if inmate labor will be continued after June 2014 and will not close the prison farm until summer 2015 (Each inmate costs \$13,000 in labor for which we could approach the county for help.)
- Jeannie talked to Capt. McFadden about insubordination from inmates.
- They have cut us back to having inmates only Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends; thus, Jeannie, Leslie, and Kathy McD retrained the vet techs, Leon, and Jonathan so that all jobs are covered.
- Dr. Cohen is willing to purchase the new wash system for the shelter; Jeannie will contact him and tell him we would like to have this for our shelter washing and dryer machines.
- This is the year for Toast to the Coast. Kyle and Mary Segars will donate \$10,000 to the shelter instead of having the Toast to Coast due to the numerous other fundraisers that ask money from local businesses.
- Billie Poston will discuss NASCAR race fundraiser possibilities with the new managers there.
- Kathy McGowan continues to work on volunteer calendar to help staff the shelter.

Item 9: Bingo Update

- Leslie spoke with Russell today; Russell was waiting for the Secretary of State to sign something.

Executive Session (9:15-10:10)

The Board adjourned at 10:11 pm.

