



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

December 14, 2015

6:30 pm – Hartsville Memorial Library Meeting Room

**Members In Attendance:** Leslie McElveen, Jeannie Gainey, Kim Tiedemann, James McDonald, Steve Ingram, Kit Hardee, Crystal Hulsey, Jackie Kirven, Carol Stackhouse

**Absent:** Bill Hatfield, Lynette Savereno

**Guests In Attendance:** Carolyn Atkinson

Call to Order at 6:40 PM, Roll Call, FOI

1. Approved September, October, November Minutes
2. Budget Update/Fundraising
  - Carolyn Atkinson presented her fundraising opportunity of One Hope wine tasting. Crystal plans to have an event at her salon in Hartsville in January.
3. Fenced Exercise Area
  - Volunteers would like a fenced area perhaps in the grassy area on the other side of the bread warehouse. This area would be for exercise and evaluation of dogs. Bill Hatfield will investigate this.
4. Bio Company
  - We used to do this; everyone is in agreement to try this again. Carol and Jackie will write a proposal for the use and tracking of the funds for the January 2016 meeting.
5. Christmas Bonuses
  - The board solicited donations in order to provide bonuses to shelter staff.
6. Other Bridge Business
  - Bridge has had to cut back to about 40 dogs due to lack of funds for payroll.
  - Bridge needs to be promoted; we need someone to commit to doing this.
  - Bridge will be forced to close if we don't get funding.
  - If Sandy and Jenn are facilitating the FB page, we need to ask them to promote Bridge. We need to seek sponsors for \$30 a month.
  - The volunteer base has dwindled to 4 volunteers a week.
  - Bridge needs a committee to meet once a month. (Kathy McD, Jeannie, Kim T, x, x).
7. Other Rescue Business
  - 139 dogs and approximately 50 cats were sent to rescue in November
  - 58 dogs and approximately 20 cats left December 12
  - In the process now of approving three new rescue groups; groups want to work with us because of our transport and because we send healthy, vetted dogs.
  - More dogs and puppies could leave if we could keep them healthy.

- 80 dogs already scheduled for January 2, 2016; to ease overcrowding, we will send a small transport December 19.
- The rescue has grown so much that we need to expand the rescue clerk job to full time; we need to develop more efficient ways of handling the paperwork load. Perhaps we need to handle more paperwork electronically.

#### 8. Other Shelter Business

- Board plans to schedule training for the staff in January 2016 to address the following areas: annual operating budget, fundraising needs, the importance and quality of service to county residents and volunteers, and an overview of the mission and needs of the Bridge, shelter, and rescue.
- Bill made a very generous purchase this past weekend of crates, cat litter boxes, and other items for the shelter from Amazon.
- The tub in the bathroom leaks behind the wall. This needs to be fixed asap before it rots the floor and wall.
- A thrift store is in the works for us to replace the yard sales. Hopefully by February the thrift store will be in operation.
- We need a professional fundraiser.

Executive Session not needed

Adjournment at 8:27 pm.