

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

6:30 p.m.- Hartsville Memorial Library Meeting Room

April 11, 2016

Present: Crystal Jordan, Carol Stackhouse, Steve Ingram, Lynette Savereno, Jeannie Gainey, Leslie McElveen, Kim Tiedeman

Absent: Jackie Kirven, Bill Hatfield

Guests: Kathy McDonald, EJ Campbell, Robin Brock, Lewis Brown

1. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept both April and May minutes by Carol Stackhouse
2. Council District 7 Candidates: Robin Brock & Lewis Brown
 - a. Brock: Improved the fire department, positively affecting residents' home owners insurance.
 - b. Lewis: How do we keep and maintain the unique quaintness of Hartsville while adding major jobs? Better leadership and communication.
 - i. Jordan: How can the council help the shelter?
 1. Brock: The budget is balanced. Everyone is going to be struggling. The spay/neuter program needs more education and outreach.
 2. Lewis: Develop his own advisory council. The Humane Society needs to present data to show the community how the financial impact will benefit them.
 - ii. We need the spay and neuter program AND ordinance to lower the number of animals coming in.
 1. Brock: We need to get everyone on the same page. It requires a lot of people to enforce another ordinance on the books.
 2. Brown: What's the best way to eat an elephant? One bite at a time. Money doesn't sound like our immediate hurdle. Economic development standpoint. What districts are the animals coming from? Target the members whose zones produce the pets.
 - iii. The only impact we can have is to reduce the number of strays coming in? What can do to target our repeat surrenders?
 1. Brock: The majority of people don't care when they drop the dogs off. We need to find a law that works with people paying a fee to surrender dogs. Find someone who has an ordinance that's working.(We have) He will help us with spay/neuter but he needs a stepping stone.
 - iv. The County Council receives many ideas for animal initiatives and they go nowhere. What will change this term?
 1. Brock: Gave his word.

2. Brown: The total revenue for the county is \$150 million, district 7 contributes 40%. People need to understand the financial impact. Nobody likes behavioral change, but we can't keep rewarding behavior and expect change. Look at the high impact district areas and try to start there.
- v. Carol: Try to analyze the impact by district. There may be a difference among income levels.
 1. Brown: I don't think people know about the cat problem in Hartsville. It's a matter of calling to attention in an appropriate manner.
 2. Brock: It's tough to change mindsets. We need to educate the public on how a successful program will help the community.
- vi. How can we, together, make an impact and not just the Humane Society?
 1. Brown: If we can turn around the school system, we can certainly improve systems between the Humane Society and community.
3. Budget Update: Evening Under the Oaks has helped immensely.
 - a. We need to review staff hours to keep our budget from ballooning.
 - b. Shelter staff awarded raises.
4. Bridge Update: 61 dogs, 29 cats.
5. County Contract: Not signed yet. Waiting on an amendment to receive the remainder of our appropriations.
6. Shoes/Scrubs: It's not fair to expect our employees to provide their own shoes/clothing. It would help morale to provide scrubs/uniforms to reduce a cost for our employees. A uniform would also help distinguish staff from the public/volunteers.
7. Other Bridge Business: None
8. Other Rescue Business: Got the check from the Big Give to split with Bridge. Wednesday is the Grand Opening of the Re-tale Store.
9. Other Shelter Business: Concerns have arisen about animal control officers and their treatment of animals.

Adjourned 8:44 p.m.