

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

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

August 8, 2016

Present: Crystal Jordan, Jeannie Gainey, Jackie Kirven, James McDonald, Kim Tiedemann, Lynette Savereno, Leslie McElveen

Absent: Bill Hatfield, Carol Stackhouse, Kitt Hardee

Guests: Kathy McDonald, EJ Campbell, Connie Ford, Dennis Ford, Vicki Simmons, Betty Trogdon, Ardie Arvidson, Kathy Palmer, Tallulah Trice, Eric Cribb, Tiffany Brown, Kathy McDonald

1. Approval of July Minutes- Approved.
2. Budget Update- County contract finally came through. The itemized lines are off and we need to find a way to continue to operate safely and responsibly. We need to decide on redistributing funds from one account to another. Garbage, Telephone and Electricity accounts are nonnegotiable.
3. Over population, Tallulah Trice, Beaufort County Animal Shelter- SNACK program: spay/neuter program to prevent future overpopulation. They have the most trouble with pits and felines. Campaigns resulted in a 40% decrease in intakes over five years. Registering microchips as a pet's license will also help identify animals in case of emergency. Spay/neuter in cats resulted in approximately 5,000 stray felines. Detention centers offer work programs, but detention center may shut down and they've been reducing our hours with the inmates regularly. Petpoint makes things so much easier. Going paperless, saves time, money and effort. Beaufort does a lot of their business on Ipads. ASPCA has a transport program, Nancy Silverman Ride, and will take our animals all the way to their rescue destination. Show the county council housing expenses for each dog to express to them the real cost of having unaltered animals running around. Contact local news sources and rally community members when the County Council refuses to act. Contact Franny Gerthoffer at Hilton Head Humane to take unwanted, unaltered animals, they will alter, treat and rehome them.
4. Palmetto Animal Hospital Halloween Fundraiser- Approved.
5. Shelter Cat Population- We've got to come up with a solution to improve conditions for our cats. We can no longer humanely house these animals. Possibly form a committee to discuss cat sanctuaries starting in Hartsville. Will meet with Natalie Zeigler, Hartsville

City Manager and discuss more planning and budgeting possibilities. Try to get Fido Fixers to help us alter our animals. Look into new buildings that we can customize to meet our needs.

- a. Proposal to remove sheds from the shelter grounds and install a building or buildings that meet humane society standards including: cages with appropriate measurements to house cats with as less stress as possible. Lynette will lead the effort to look into specs and cost of our future cat house.
 - i. Passed.
6. Florence Comic Con Fundraising Table- They offered us a table at the event.
 7. Other Bridge Business- Introduced Tiffany Brown, Bridge Co-Manager.
 8. Other Rescue Business- New rescues approved, but our core groups that pull our needy dogs need our puppies to keep their adoption rates up.
 9. Other Shelter Business-
 - a. We need to look into reintroducing the PetPoint system. PetPoint will allow us to track statistics on reasons for surrender, where animals are coming from and percentage of breed population. We need to specify our grants while writing them. Asking for general funds will not draw the attention of our audiences.
 - i. Kit Hardee needs to review program
 - ii. Write a grant for appropriate equipment
 - iii. Acquire equipment.
 - iv. Purchase PetPoint
 - v. Schedule training
 - b. We need someone else interested in getting euthanasia certified.
 - c. Possible shelter improvement:
 - i. Susan Blakeny and Sandy Van Nostrand created a GoFundMe which generated a lot of interest so far. We're looking into moving drains in the higher numbered kennels and shifting the kennels further away from the waste drain.
 - ii. We'll also build the left side like the right side with a half wall of cinder blocks to keep a barrier between our dogs which will reduce their interactions with each other and help establish a calmer environment.
 - iii. Kathy McDonald asked the board to consider building a vision for the future.

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