



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2017

6:30 pm – Hartsville Memorial Library Meeting Room

Present: Crystal Hulsey, Kit Hardee, Carol Stackhouse, Steve Ingram, Donna McGuire, Leslie McElveen, Lynette Saverino, Jeannie Gainey

Absent: Bill Hatfield, Kim Tiedemann, James McDonald

Guests: Jackie Kirven, EJ Campbell, Kathy McDonald

1. Approved October, November and December Minutes
2. Budget Update
  - a. Kathy McDonald distributed the December check ledger, Shelter Fuel Budget and Shelter Improvement Budget.
  - b. Kathy McDonald updated us on the BDR improvement project and explained the delays. As soon as the temperature rises above freezing, we can proceed. After these improvements are completed, we'll look into heating the kennels with either propane heaters or heat lamps.
  - c. Kathy would prefer someone take over payroll.
3. County Contract
  - a. We must have the County Contract prepared for mid-February. We need to decide what terms or allotments we wish to revise.
4. Shelter Budget
  - a. Kathy met with a County Council member Lee Flowers and discussed the stagnant budget and problems it poses for the shelter. She explained to him the only people in Darlington County doing anything to help control the pet population is the Humane Society. We alone should not have to shoulder the costs to fix the county's problem. We should ask for more money from the county.
5. Exercise Yard- Postponed until next meeting.
6. Big Dog Run Progress- Covered in Budget.
7. Asilomar Definitions
  - a. Treatment outlines such as healthy, treatable, manageable, untreatable and unmanageable. We'll set the treatable dollar limit at \$500. This will only be used for intake data and not decide which dogs we euthanize. We would classify heartworm positive dogs as untreatable based on the average dog owner's willingness to spend on their dog, but it would not prevent us from helping that dog.

8. Other Bridge Business

- a. Two people quit at bridge, so their staffing has been decimated as well. It's hard to find dependable people to work for 3 hours a day.
- b. Ok financially.

9. Other Rescue Business

- a. Kimberly Brown is doing a great job as Rescue Clerk. They raised \$5,000 for one animal with a fused jaw. Jeannie and Lynette explained his situation and he has been adopted by the doctor who performed the surgery in North Carolina.
- b. If we continue to grow, we should hire someone to handle our finances.
- c. We need to have plans for the future in anticipation of large donations so we can show and explain to people where their money is going.
- d. Find someone who will contribute to a five-year and ten-year plan.

10. Other Shelter Business

- a. Thank you Kit. The new computers are up and running thanks to Kit and the old computers are still running thanks to him. The shelter is short-staffed due to people leaving and people taking time to tend to health problems. These staffing problems have led to a delay in the electronic file training. Adam Hammond, Margaret West and James McDonald have been great with keeping our animals warm during the cold weather.

11. Mission Statement & Goals

- a. Carol brought drafts for us to look at. Finally revised and approved

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment- 9:03p.m.