



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2017

6:30 pm – Hartsville Memorial Library Meeting Room

Call to Order- 6:30

Present: Leslie McElveen, Bill Hatfield, Crystal Hulsey, Kit Hardee, Jeannie Gainey, Kim Tiedemann, James McDonald, Steve Ingram

Guests: EJ Campbell, Kathy McDonald, Kathy McGowan, Margaret West,

Absent: Donna McGuire, Lynette Saverino

1. Approval of July & August Minutes- Tabled
2. Presentation from Marty & Sue Brand- Marty & Sue Brand sent letters to their friends asking to donate to DCHS with a match offer up to \$5,000. Forty percent of the people responded with a total of \$8,937. They presented that and their \$5,000 match and said they're expecting a few more.
3. Budget Update:-Payroll and taxes will be paid on time.
4. New Shelter Fundraising Campaign- Bill Hatfield reached out to a few more local businesses, but needs a vision to sell. He'd like to have a plan to pitch to local businesses. He would like to get an artist's rendering of the new meeting. He'd like to send letters to consistent donors informing them of the shelter plans, the low country fundraiser, and include the rendering.
5. Euthanasia- Margaret West asked the board to please update the policy to include all five members recording their vote. There are policies in place. Is tension in the group a normal part of this process? Margaret will record aggressive behavior observed by staff members that will go out to the euthanasia committee.
6. Reducing Overpopulation- Margaret went to the local No-Kill Carolina Coalition. Over 50% of people who wanted to leave their cats took them back when the shelter offered to alter the animal for them. We don't want people to abuse it by cutting out the local hospitals who support us as well. The shelter staff will attend seminars held by the
7. Other Bridge Business- Bills are paid, payroll is getting there, but the new profit split from Retail Therapy should help. Volunteer Kathy Norris passed away. We will get a plaque to display at her memorial and then the shelter
8. Other Rescue Business- July August & some September we sent out 356 dogs and have one more transport in September.

9. Other Shelter Business- We took in 62 dogs, 80 puppies, 77 cats and 147 kittens. Interviewing new kennel hand on 9/12. Ed Campbell and an inmate fixed the roof of the trailer. Roof on C building is starting to go. Puppy kennels will be re-fenced. Kathy McDonald is still waiting on the estimates. The exhaust fan in the intake building is broken. Prison farm dogs are doing well. Can we please have an exercise yard? The regular dog walkers are not strong enough to walk the heavier dogs.

Adjournment- 9:00 p.m.