

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR INLAND MENDOCINO COUNTY
Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2024

Call to order 6:05pm

Attending: Elizabeth Bohanan, Julie Dauer, Luis Flores, Rhonda Hurlbut, Wynona Idica, John King, Teresa King, Jaime Wilkes

Unable to attend: Holly Bennett, Joe Hurlbut, Tracey McNamara, Erin Moynahan, Kether Sprague, Myriah Surman

Staff: Becca Edwards, Jenny Hanzlik

Guest: Cindy Huhn

Addition to agenda: Combining fundraising meeting
Sonoma Clean power discussion

Approval of agenda w/additions – Jaime moved to accept w/additions, Wynona 2nd motion.

January BoD Minutes: Change of date for next pancake breakfast mtg

Jaime moved to accept with change of pancake breakfast planning meeting from 1/3/24 to 1/23/24 (shd have been Jan. 23rd, not Jan 3rd), Rhonda 2nd motion.

Addition to agenda – Elizabeth – would like to **combine fundraising meeting** to acquire more board participation in the fundraising calendar.

Jaime's concern is length of time. Fundraising is a committee meeting.

Discussion that the BoD secretary is supposed to be on all committee meetings and take minutes.

At this point in time, we will not be combining the fundraising mtg with BoD mtg. but allow Elizabeth to high level reporting at BoD mtgs with emphasis on where help is needed.

TKing to share zoom cloud link for anyone who would like to review.

Sonoma clean power – alternative to PG&E in Mendo and Sonoma counties

In most cases, the rates are the same.

Sonoma power gets their power from green resources.

Sonoma power provides grants specifically to non-profits.

Sonoma power will come out and do an energy audit and provide suggestions.

John King will engage with w/Sonoma power if we are interested to have them do an energy audit.

May meeting will be membership chance to approve new members. April meeting should make nominations for new officers. Tracey and Holly were the nomination committee for officers in 2023. Will need two board members for this year whose names will not be submitted for nominations. Need to determine which members are up for reelection.

Shelter Operation report:

Lots of community members needing additional help. Sonoma county humane society is partnering with us to provide help to community members, providing a truckload of dog and cat items. ~~They also took 18 cats last week.~~ **14 cats were transferred to the Humane Society of Sonoma County.**

Legal counsel SFSPCA wants to provide add'l support on animal regulations.

Financials delayed. Will discuss next meeting

Fundraising update:

Offsite Adoption events:

Board members offsite adoption training held 2/3/24. Thank you to members who attended.

Tracey shadowed Liz for 2/10 event at Willits Mendo Mill. **Adoptions and F2A – 7 dogs.**

Erin shadowed Teresa / John for 2/17 event at Brown Bear Toys. **Adoptions and F2A – 4 dogs.**

Jamie suggested assigning someone to each group of puppies when multiple litters to make sure puppies are safe.

Brown Bear Toys would like to donate to gala.

Keno was adopted by Brown Bear Toys owner.

Barkery wants to see us again. Liz trying to find a date that works.

Shanachie Pub – 3/10 – No dogs? Still not sure.

Pancake breakfast – 3/17 – update by JKing

Sales are low. People don't want to share their personal information.

Grange wants to sell paper tickets at Grange flea market on March 9th.

RVCFD has created FB event to get interest.

31 adult tickets 3 children tix

1 \$100 sponsor

1 \$50

1 \$25

\$1,300 in commitments

\$500 to use the NFG ticket sales.

Need volunteers to man tabletop

Still need 6-8 volunteers. Jessie Taaning-Sanchez has volunteered to help cook and clean up.

Jenny is going to see if NFG will negotiate combining expense for software with pancake breakfast and gala event.

Nelson Ranch 5K run – Volunteers need to be there at 7:30am. Bring a tabletop display.

Have enough volunteers. Additional donations for HSIMC currently are at \$,500.

Easter egg hunt – 10 am to hide eggs. 12 noon egg hunt start

Teresa to be "Easter bunny's" escort

4H volunteered to stuff eggs on Friday before.

Parking control – Elia ++

Raffle ticket sales – **need help**

FB live – **need help**

Soft commit from photographer to take Easter bunny pictures

Black and white ball

Buffet vs. Plated dinner

Saves money

We can release tables 1 or 2 at a time with a Matre'd

People can select what they want to eat

Tables can still be pre-set with appetizer plates and menus

Proceed with buffet plans

New volunteer to help with gala event, Roberta Norris. TKing will reach out and engage.

Sponsorship document received back from Sparetime – Gold sponsor

Soft commitment sponsorship support

Peterson Insurance

State Farm Insurance

Mia Bea Winery

Bronze sponsor – Karin Hudson / Smokey's Legacy

Donations:

Six Sigma vineyard tour and tasting for 10 people – Karin Hudson

\$100 gift certificate to Frey's Winery – John King

Erin volunteered to build donors spreadsheet. TK to send 2023 gala donors and 2023 KK donors.

Fund the need

Staff still working on needs – Kennel rehab / condo replacement / cattery heating & cooling

Disc golf – Sierra Nevada weekend – June 22nd

Dunk Tank – decided not to build around the disc golf tournament.

Check in 7:30am – just the tournament – not any additional activities

Exposure would be huge – but parking is very limited

Coyote Valley casino night vs. Texas hold-em tournament

Sparetime hosted Texas hold-em events for other non-profits. Highly successful. & much more profitable than a Casino night

Maybe in the fall – once Sparetime builds an availability schedule

We provide ABC permit and food and alcohol

Prizes

J King will notify P. Shimmin that we will not engage in a casino night

Front Signage – separate sign for Beatrice Breese, but will remove 2nd sign up front

Jenny provided some mock ups

Decided on dark background with orange and white lettering

Stacey will use overhead projector for outline.

Plumbing Assistance –

Erin's partner is a plumber and has volunteered to help with any plumbing needs. None needed at this time.

Construction: Leaks in cattery. B.A.S. roofing coming Thursday, 2/21 to see if they can assist.

Container – need backhoe to unload into space. Will reach out to our volunteers. Wait for ground to dry up

C.A.R.T. container – on hold at this time

Adjournment – 8:00pm