

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Junanne Hayes, Jenny Hanzlik, Becca Edwards, John King, Teresa King, Jaime Wilkes, Tracey McNamara, Wynona Idica, Rhonda Hurlbut, Joe Hurlbut, Kether Sprague

Absent: Julie Dauer, Holly Bennett

Special Guests: Erica Seelig, Karin Hudson, Roy Davis, Diane Allhands

Approval of tonight's agenda with correction that the next Fundraising Mtg will be via zoom @5:30pm, not in person: Moved to approve - Junanne, 2nd - Jaime

Approval of last month's minutes: Moved to approve - Junanne, 2nd - Tracey

Construction Update: (Tracey) Had a meeting with B.A.S. Roofing regarding improvements to the green barn. There will be a flat roof, just over the kennels, which will help keep our pups warmer. Because B.A.S. Roofing has offered to donate the labor, we will prioritize the barn roof repair to fit their schedule. We'll have to pay for the roofing materials, B.A.S. will donate labor. A senior at Willits high-school, Hannah Soderquist, would like to fundraise for HSIMC for her senior project, with funds going towards the barn rehab. She would also like to help us sell calendars. Her father is in construction and has suggested that they may be able to donate some or all of the roofing materials.

Electrical Update: (John) We received the green book specs from PG&E. HSIMC will need to install the new pole. Need to decide whether to tackle this ourselves or contract out. Will require permits and inspections. Wheeler Electric is still sourcing panels.

Cattery Project Update: (John) Flooring, painting and labor have all been donated. Healdsburg flooring has scheduled us to begin installation of the flooring on January 9th. Estimated install time is 2 weeks. Clay Nesbitt, a longtime benefactor, will be donating the monies for the labor in memory of his recently deceased partner, Dean Gross. With his support, we've been able to fast-track the renovations. In return, we've agreed to rename the cattery **Dean's Cat House!** Will need signage and a plaque for the building. Once all the updates have been completed, we will have a grand reopening, with a ribbon-cutting and a party.

Shelter report: During the Great Reset, which closed the shelter to intakes (except in emergency situations) we had an amazing chance to reduce the number of animals at the shelter.

Live Intakes: Dogs: 45 Cats: 15

Live Outcomes: Dogs: 75 Cats: 91

The opportunity to utilize the Care-A-Van for spay / neuter helped with adopting out more animals also.

There was discussion to understand the number of cats who were euthanized in 2022 by one of our guests. It was explained that we had an outbreak of feline panleukopenia virus during a high level of kittens inhouse. Pan-leuk is highly contagious and difficult for kittens to survive.

Public Input:

Erica Seelig. Loves animals and has been a benefactor to HSIMC for years. She is planning on leaving her estate to HSIMC.

Karin Hudson – Lost her dog short time ago and began following HSIMC on FB and watching Becca's videos. Smokey is her foster dog. After she began fostering Smokey, we found out he had heartworm. Karin held multiple fundraisers and auctions and was able to raise over \$2K for Smokey's treatment. She is continuing to hold fundraisers. She is also interested in helping start a program to assist seniors to adopt senior animals.

Diane Allhands – Has been volunteering for several years. She attended the BoD meeting to voice her concern about the green barn and the lack of adequate and safe heating for the dogs. Feels we should be able to do something besides space heaters in the barn, which she considers a fire hazard. Once we get the roof repaired, Tracey is looking at a split for heating and a/c to get rid of the heat lamps and fans. Also, we

need more inside spaces for dogs. We only have seven kennels inside the barn. We need to figure out how to open up spots inside the big shed.

We are still looking at the opportunity to use the RWV grange or Spare Time for BOD meetings. This would then be less disruptive for having dogs inside the big shed. We want to encourage attendance from our community at BOD meetings, we want to understand everyone's concerns and thoughts.

Fundraising: Junanne – Reminder to all board members and volunteers that any task requests for staff members must go through their supervisors.

Wreath fundraising: Will begin training on Saturday, November 19th at 11am. Setup to start at 10am. We already have 3 swags and 1 wreath preorders. Setup of the big shed will be on Friday. Greens coming in on Wednesday and Friday. Please bring gloves and pruning shears. Need water troughs, floral wire between 22 to 24 gauge. Two dog troughs are available thru HSIMC. Kether to start making outbound calls to people who purchased wreaths last year. Hoping to get people to commit for training and assembling.

Calendars have shipped. Expected to deliver on Thursday, November 17. Fund raiser Hannah will help to sell calendars. Also, Charter school in Willits to sell calendars. Expect all of BOD members to help with selling calendars also! Let's sell out! Only 250 to sell.

Financial Update (Jenny and John) – A large donation plus Great Reset helped with having positive revenue of \$33k at the end of October.

This year thru the end of September, 7 out of 9 months we were at an operating loss. Cumulative operating loss for 2022 up through September was \$120K. \$87k after Oct's contribution.

Community Foundation has given us an animal welfare fund grant of \$80K for 2022. We are expecting another payout in September 2023.

2021 was also a difficult year. Good news is we ended up receiving a windfall of donations, but it is a bad pattern, which has existed for years. We don't run the business, the business runs us. From an operational standpoint we have to do things differently. People who have to run the shelter are continuously in crisis mode.

Great reset showed us we need to do something differently to stay viable. John shared numbers on how shortening the length of stay allows us to rescue more animals. Team (John, Jenny, Becca and Suzanne) will continue to work on determining how to do that.

We are also excited to announce and welcome two new interim board members, **Elizabeth Bohanan** and **Wynona Idica**, who were voted in by the board unanimously! Congratulations! We look forward to working with you both!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05pm