



“A pet is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself.”

Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 6:00pm Google Meet

Meeting called to order: 6:08pm

Attending: Myriah Surman, Wynona Idica, Julie Dauer, John King, Teresa King, Pein Ris-Yarbrough, Erin Moynahan, Kether Sprague, Jaime Wilkes

Absent: Tracey McNamara, Autumn Ehnou, Ronnie Richter

Staff Members Present: Becca Edwards, Jenny Hanzlik **Guests Present:** Leonore

Revisions to Agenda: Change location to Google Meet.

Approval of Agenda:

- A motion to approve the April 2026 agenda, with revisions to remove approval of March minutes, was made by Jaime and seconded by John.

Approval of Minutes:

- March minutes were removed from agenda: Google notes were extremely difficult to understand and Secretary Moynahan was present at the board meeting via Google Meet. Secretary was not able to hear meeting.

Public Forum: Welcome Leonore

President's Comments:

- Youth Groups are reaching out to HSIMC for us to come to them and present or for them to support us at the shelter. Boys & Girls Club, Ukiah High School, North Coast Golders Exchange, etc.. North Coast Golders Exchange has completed construction projects on the coast and has offered to support us as well. Should we ask these groups for the following?
 - Rehabbing feral cat housing?
 - Back Row Kennels?
 - Shed siding?
 - Barn extension?

Should we ask Tracey to support us with this endeavor? May 7th Blosser Lane will be coming down to stuff Kongs and have a tour. Teresa will also have an activity for them to do. We would like to develop a student program and would like a board member to take this on. We also would like to educate the students from Blosser about fox tails and then seek their support in removing them from the back field next to the fences.

- Julie Allen will not be able to serve as fundraising co-chair at this time. Kelsey has a lot going on in her life and she too does not know if she will be able to continue serving. We need a new chair and will do a push online. Board member wish to step up?
- New Van for fund the need at Gala? Park current van outside of gala with a big sign for FTN. Gizmo has offered to design the inside of the new van.

Financials Update:

- \$192.9k/ \$56.4k expenses
- Bank account \$249.6 checking / \$61k in reserve
- Net operating \$136.5k
- TRP MM: \$499.8k (\$61k Res)
- TRP Monthly Dividend: \$? (YTD: \$2,499k)
- LPL account: \$1206.7k / \$4,853 monthly dividend payment
- This years Gala FTN topic will be funds for a new Van, bal of \$\$ necessary will need to come from other sources.
- Another estate received approximately, \$154k will transfer to MM fund.
- Markowitsch estate transferred to LPL, \$21k spread over 13 assets, F.C. will consolidate.

- F.C. authorized liquidation of Pioneer Fund (19.6k), transfer of cash account \$5k and transfer of \$123k from MM to Franklin Income, should increase our annual dividend payout by about \$5k annually.
- Board asked to see a percentage on financial update that shows where we are in the area of self-sufficiency financially.

Shelter Operations Report: was emailed to all board members.

- Hiring process is now complete. Michelle has been hired as the Outcomes Coordinator. Her first day was today. She is interested in Vet Tech school. We have one more opening and will be doing another round of hiring with the hope that one of these two will be promoted after a while. We currently have 7 full-time employees and 3 part-time. Suzanne's last day will be May 17th.
- We inherited a pile of trash behind the shelter. We would like a couple of containers to empty it. Board suggested a junk removal service. Maybe Gizmo? John will do a walk-through tomorrow.
- We are not able to take on as many animals right now as we did last year. We will do things better on a smaller level. The pet pantry takes up a lot of time. Our intake numbers now are much smaller than they were last year.
- In between the 10 kennels in the backyard will be building cinder block walls to better insulate. We will be putting the caging up with small mesh. All materials used will be those that are recommended as best practices for kennels. We will reach out to Danny Pardini, Shay Williams, Adrian Fisher, and Matt Everson.
- Animals are escaping the fields. The fences all need to be replaced. Potentially with metal fencing? Erin gave Jenny her husband's phone number to call about fixing the fences.

Construction Projects: Will talk with Tracey about the Shelter report and discuss our options moving forward.

Fundraising:

Board members: we require your help with the fundraising Calendar. Please sign up to lead and call about last year's events to ensure that they are still happening this year. We may be losing both fund-raising chairs and will need to step up.

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Very big hit! Eggs gone within minutes. Maybe have more for next year? Sections at a time? Erin enjoyed being the bunny. Need bigger eggs for next year. We sold \$300 in Swag!
- **Nelson's 5k Run:** April 18th at 11:00 we have volunteers.
- **Gala Event:** Wynonna created the program and it looks great. Pein is doing the bid sheets and consolidating donations. Terri is working on live auction items. We have 46 tickets out of 200 left. 20 Net tickets left. John Strangio is donating the use of his equipment again this year. Need to meet with Gather Events next week. "The Vichy Hills Express" to provide entertainment. Set-up will be on May 1st at 11am for all volunteers. We will ask Kwanis if they will help us bus tables. Board members please bring water to the event. \$5 beer, \$10 for wine, \$25 for a bottle. Clean-up on Sunday TBD potentially Noonish. Jim Snider to take photos at Gala.

Upcoming Meetings-

- **Fund Raising Committee Zoom Wednesday, May 14th on Google Meet.**
- **BOD Meeting -Wednesday, May 27th – HSIMC @6pm.**
- **Finance Committee- Sunday June 21st – HSIMC @10am**

Keep in View-

- **Community Presentations – Willits Lions Club – Red Hat Society – Ukiah Lions Club**
- **Grants – Nancy Gots**
- **Tractor Supply- Jenny has Tractor Supply reached out?**
- **Yard Sale- Date TBD Personal items. Donated items in fundraising shed. Other items?**
- **Thrift Store – Judy Martin – Coast Humane Society**

AOB- Adjournment 7:32pm