



"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
December 18th, 2024 6:00pm Grange

Meeting called to order: 6:15pm

Attending: John King, Teresa King, Jaime Wilkes, Erin Moynahan, Wynona Idica, Tracey McNamara, Myriah Surman, Pein Patricia Ris-Yarbrough (Interim Member of the Board)

Absent: Luis Flores (LOA), Jenny Hanzlik, Julie Dauer, Kether Sprague

Staff Members Present: Becca Edwards **Guests Present:** Diane Allhands, Elaine Richard, Emerson Brende, Kelsey Radmilovic, Cynthia Huhn, Terri Boudreaux, Eileen Bark, Stacey, Eliah, Cora,

Revisions to Agenda: N/A

Approval of Agenda:

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jaime and seconded by Tracey.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion to approve the November 2024 HSIMC board meeting minutes was made by John seconded by Myriah.

Public Forum:

- Eileen Bark discussed the CCC's new center in Willits and let HSIMC know that they are considering volunteering to walk dogs in the future.
- Becca expressed great pride in working for Jenny at HSIMC, she explains that Jenny has been very instrumental in building a culture that is amazing to work in at HSIMC.

New Business:

- Board members to sign BOD Code of Conduct: either for first time or renewed.
- Restaurant gift cards- Tracey picked-up 3 gift cards for meals in Fort Bragg.
- Grant Writers: where do we start? Grant writing will bring in more revenue than fundraising. ASPC grant in progress right now. This will support vet care in the community by offering up to 10% of this grant for spay & neuter vouchers. Kelsey has experience in this and is willing to support.

Shelter Operations: (See attached December 2024 Board report)

- Intake of new animals is on hold at the moment.

Fundraisers:

Kelsey R. and Julie I. will co-chair the Fundraising Committee. Kelsey is able to attend tonight and is very excited about her new role. She is asking that each board member take over at least one fundraising event this year. Looking for volunteers for each event. Please come next month with at least one idea to share at the BOD meeting for a fundraising idea. We would like to piggy-back off of other events in the area.

McNab Ranch:

Would like to partner with us for an event. They have a wine that has a picture of a dog on it and would like to use this wine to support HSIMC.

Texas Hold Em' Tournament:

- Looking at potentially March 1st 2025 for this event.

Wreath Fundraiser:

Raised around \$9600.00: sold 144 wreaths, 36 swags, 20 calendars, had 19 days of production, and a total of 320.25 hours of volunteer time logged. Next year we will send out emails to our customers ahead of time. Increasing price next year by \$5.00. Will consider having baskets to raffle next year. Cyndi made a book, with pictures, explaining how to make wreaths in the future. Advertised on Facebook and the radio, next year we will need to send out flyers and post them all over town.

Venue for 2025 Gala: 6 members of the board attended a food tasting at Gather Events. Very good food. Large facility holding 200-225 people. 3 outdoor areas. \$2500.00 for catering: all inclusive. They set-up and break-down. Save about \$3000.00 in expenses from last year. Need more sponsors to cut expenses. Jenny is reviewing contract now. Gather Events accepted our modified contract. We are very excited. Will be “A Night in Venice”.

Keep in View:

- Community Presentations: “Sons of Italy”, Ukiah Lions Club, Willits Lions Club.
- Drainage-Danny Pardini quoted \$8200 to trench and reinforce
- Rewrite Bylaws
- Grants- Nancy Gots
- Thrift Store- Judy Martin – Coast Humane Society
- Care-A-Van- Selling potentially \$15k
- Music Event: Funky Dozen interested. Erin interested in leading this event.
- Parade of Lights
- Community Pantry

AOB- Adjournment 6:55pm