

**MINUTES OF THE CARL W. NELSON ANIMAL SHELTER MEETING**  
**November 16, 2005**

Attending: Kathy McNally-Bova, Char Walter, Deb Flint, Kathy Storandt, Nichole Sauer, Rosemary Aney, April Strohmeyer, Fran Goodwin, Linda Sue Miller, Rosie Watters, Rhonda Murray

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Flint at 5:30 p.m..

A motion was made by April to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Motion seconded by Char. Carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Char. We have a balance of \$7,813.68. A motion was made by Rosemary and seconded by Kathy Storandt to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Foster Program: Fran reported on the progress she has made with the foster program. There are several issues that still need to be worked through. Fran asked the board for a commitment to the foster program. The board members were in agreement that the foster program is a key to our success with our shelter and that we do want to continue with it. Rosemary made a motion that we commit to the foster program development. Motion seconded by Char. Motion carried.

Fran reported that she has found name tags that would be engraved with the CWNAS information. We can purchase 100 of them for \$40.00. Linda Sue Miller said that it would be appropriate to spend the Nelson grant money on the tags because they would be used directly for the animals. The tags could be used for the animals at our future shelter and the foster animals. Kathy McNally-Bova made a motion to purchase 100 tags from the grant money and to tag every animal that is fostered or adopted. Motion seconded by Nichole. Carried.

Fran also reported that she contacted the three families who had expressed interest in becoming foster families. One family returned her call. She is going to conduct a home visit in the near future.

Debbie is still checking into insurance but hasn't been able to find insurance for a foster program. Fran is going to contact several other foster programs to find out if they have insurance and where they get it.

It was noted that the adoption fee that was established at a past meeting was for cats only. Adoption fees for dogs were discussed. Since it is our goal that every adopted animal will have shots and be altered, it was felt that we need to charge enough to cover our costs. Dog adoption fees at neighboring shelters run in excess of \$100. April made a motion to set the dog adoption fee at \$100.00. Kathy Storandt seconded the motion. Carried.

P.O. Box: Nichole reported on the cost of having a P.O. Box. Debbie said that since we may have many expenses coming up with the land acquisition, she feels we should save our money for future expenses. Rosemary said that since we may be acquiring land in the near future, we should wait to change our address, since it would not be good to have too many address changes. Linda Sue made a motion to leave our address as is for now. Motion seconded by Kathy Storandt. Motion carried.

Calendar Contest: Nichole reported that the calendar materials have been sent to the publisher. The calendars will cost \$6.55 each. Rosemary made a motion to have Nichole order 100 calendars. Nichole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The extra calendars will be sold for \$15.00. Nichole said that she would like to give a calendar to Crestview and Fairview Nursing Homes since the residents judged the calendar entries. Everyone felt this was a good idea.

Prison Partnership: Tabled until next month.

Land Acquisition: Debbie reported that an attorney is reviewing the land agreement. The house is in fair condition and can be rented as is.

Future Fundraisers: See New Business - Chili Supper.

**New Business:**

Financial Plan: A 2006 budget was presented and reviewed by the board. No action taken.

Postage for Christmas Cards: Char asked if we should send Christmas cards to our members. Members expressed concern that this might be too costly and that members would not expect us to do this. No action taken.

Spay and Neuter Coordinator: We are still looking for someone to take charge of our Spay and Neuter Program. This would involve researching the issues surrounding a Spay and Neuter Program such as number of volunteers needed, fees, location, legal issues, etc. It would also include scheduling and organizing a clinic. The Coordinator is free to ask as many volunteers as needed to help.

Mauston Christmas Parade: Debbie reported that we have over 175 stuffed animals to hand out to children on the parade route. Carol Fischer is helping design the float. Rhonda, Nichole, and Char volunteered to walk in the parade. Rosie and April will help decorate the float.

Chili Supper: We have been invited to serve a chili supper in conjunction with the Mauston Christmas Train Food Pantry Fundraiser on Decemebr 10. Fifty percent of the proceeds must go to the Food Pantry. Rosemary made a motion to host the chili supper. Seconded by Kathy Storandt. Carried. Char was appointed to be the Chili Supper Coordinator. Char is working on getting the Bethany Lutheran Church to use for our location. The menu will be chili, chili toppings (sour cream, grated cheese and onions), crackers, corn bread, brownies, butter, coffee and milk. Rosemary made a motion to charge \$5.00, seconded by Linda Sue. Motion carried. Debbie will ask the Catering Cousins to make the chili, cornbread, and brownies for us. We will supply the ingredients. Rhonda, Nichole, April, Kathy S., Rosie, and Rosemary volunteered to help with the event. Members will be emailed regarding the details as they are worked out.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be December 21, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemary Aney, Secretary