

MINUTES OF THE CARL W. NELSON ANIMAL SHELTER MEETING
December 21, 2005

Attending: Kathy McNally-Bova, Char Walter, Deb Flint, Kathy Storandt, Nichole Sauer, Rosemary Aney, April Strohmeyer, Linda Sue Miller, Mary Clark

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

It was noted that the November minutes said that we would supply the ingredients for the chili for the chili supper, but the Catering Cousins supplied the ingredients. A motion was made by Char to approve the minutes from the November meeting with the amendment as noted. Motion seconded by Char. Carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Char. We have a balance of \$9822.21. A motion was made by Kathy Storandt and seconded by Debbie to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Foster Program:

The name tags have been ordered.

Debbie reported that she has not found any insurance for foster programs. She has received quotes for liability insurance for \$236.00 a year and Board of Directors Liability Insurance for \$450.00 a year. She has not received a bid for the Treasurer's Bond. Rosemary will forward the insurance information booklet from the Best Friends web site to the entire board.

We are currently feeding 4 cats that were left homeless when the owner was placed in a nursing home. Two of the cats are tame and could be fostered. A motion was made by Kathy Storandt to use money from the trust account to get medical care for the 2 cats. Motion was seconded by Linda Sue Miller. We have had several requests for foster care so we will take each request on a case by case basis until we have more foster families. We currently have 2 families who have agreed to foster animals.

Fran Goodwin provided the board (via email) with a 3 step adoption process that she would like to follow for foster animals. Step 1 would be to have the prospective adopter fill out an adoption application. Step 2 is to conduct a home visit. Step 3 is to have the prospective adopter meet the animal. When all steps have been completed, the adoption will then be approved by the foster family and the foster coordinator. Because these foster animals are special animals, we need to take extra care to place them with the right family. Kathy Storandt made a motion to approve this 3 step process. Motion was seconded by Rosemary. Carried.

Calendar: Nichole reported that all the calendars are all sold. Several people stated that they could have sold more, so this project was a big success. Thank you Nichole, for all the hard work.

Newsletter: Nichole had the January edition of our newsletter ready for review. It looks like it is going to be another great edition. The newsletter takes a lot of work, so be sure to thank Nichole when you get a chance.

Prison Partnership: Deb will contact the prison liaison to see if it would be feasible to make the following items for a raffle: curio cabinet; kitchen island; gun cabinet. Nichole will check with Menards and Home Depot to see if we can get a discount on materials.

Land Acquisition: Debbie reported that the land agreement has been signed and forwarded to Don

and Florence Wildes. We were not able to come to a resolution on the existing easement, so the easement will remain as is for now. Debbie also handed out some documents that she has prepared to submit to the Lindina Board when we meet with them regarding the conditional use permit. Thanks, Debbie for the many hours you have already spent on the land acquisition. Also thank you to Dan Berkos for all the help with this.

Future Fundraisers: Tim was absent so this item was tabled until next month.

New Business:

Lifetime Member: A motion was made by Char, seconded by Kathy Storandt to accept Don and Florence Wildes as lifetime members. Motion approved unanimously.

Spay and Neuter: Kathy McNally-Bova reported that she has been in contact with Dr. Melissa. Dr. Melissa is willing to give the shelter a substantial discount if we neuter our animals on a Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to talk with their vets also to see if there are others that are willing to work with our shelter. Dr. C. J. Laridaen has also volunteered to help us in any way that he can.

Member Discount: A motion was made by Rosemary to give all paid members a 20% discount when adopting an animal from the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter. Motion seconded by Kathy Storandt. Carried.

Education Program: Kathy Storandt and Rosemary reported that they are almost ready to start their presentations. The Hatch Public Library has purchased a video that we can use to show to the students. Culvers of Mauston has donated 500 coloring books that teach about safety with animals. Each student will receive a coloring book after our presentation. We hope to start our presentations as early as January, 2006.

Bills: Bills were presented for approval. Debbie said that we will start buying stamps for Fran and Nichole for their mailings. Debbie submitted bills for some miscellaneous items. Rosemary submitted bills for the trust fund for feeding and providing shelter for the 4 homeless cats. Kathy McNally-Bova made a motion to approve all bills as presented. April seconded the motion. Carried. Anyone who has expenses and wishes to be reimbursed should bring the receipts to the monthly meeting. We will add a 'Bill Approval' item to our agenda for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Aney, Secretary