

Humane Society of Southern New Mexico
Board of Directors *Special Meeting*
January 11, 2009

President Mike Hainer called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. at the HSSNM office. Board members present included Marilyn Grayson, Wanda Muhlke, Frank Bryce [arrived at 4:00 p.m.], Diamond Hammond, Vanessa Bryce, and Jean Gilbert.

The group discussed needed bylaws revisions, and the need for strategic planning and accurate budgeting. The later should be done in August of each year when a new board convenes. The group discussed the importance of utilizing diplomacy in all public situations. The Board will have a special meeting to review board member requirements and agreements.

The Board agreed to postpone the January budget meeting, and opt for a strategic planning session.

Motion made and seconded to hold a public reception for the new animal services board and shelter veterinarian, using a maximum of \$100 from HSSNM funds, with donations accepted to fund the event. Motion passed unanimously. Hainer will contact others to contribute to the event planned for January 22nd.

Sue Patterson has resigned from the Board, and Evelyn Hancock will not join the Board, as planned. Motion made and seconded to accept both resignations. Motion approved. Both terms would expire in July, 2009.

The transition of fiscal activities was discussed. Vanessa Bryce was nominated to fill the treasurer's position until the end of this fiscal term; motion seconded and approved. Motion made and seconded to authorize V. Bryce to accomplish an orderly transition from Patterson to Bryce regarding data, bank account signatures, and any property pertaining to the organization. Motion approved.

Motion and second to rescind the 1/13/09 and 1/20/09 meeting dates. Motion approved. 2/17/09 will be the next regular board meeting, at which time we will ratify the budget. A strategic planning session will be held on 2/7 at the Miller Stratvert law offices.

Spay Day USA (February 24th) was discussed.

President Hainer requested board authorization to contact other organizations for cats that meet our criteria, in case they are unavailable from the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley. The cats would be placed for adoption at Petsmart. So moved, seconded and approved.

Motion, second and approved for Hainer to write \$10,000 grant application to Petsmart for spay/neuter funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Wanda Muhlke, Secretary