

Humane Society of Southern New Mexico

Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2008

President Mike Hainer called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.. Board members present included Frank Bryce, Sue Patterson, Diane Hammond, Marilyn Grayson, Jean Gilbert, and Wanda Muhlke; absent were Cindy Myers and Vanessa Bryce. Guests in attendance were Maryln Zahler and Michel Meunier.

There were no board minutes presented from the previous Board meeting by secretary Dona Hearn. We will attempt to reconstruct the minutes from tapes or drafts from Hearn.

Sue Patterson gave the treasurer's report. The account balance is \$20,972.98. There was approximately \$2,828 in income and \$4,848 in expenses since last report. Patterson suggested that the group explore utilizing another bank, due to inefficiency at the current facility. A motion was made and seconded to allow Patterson to switch to the bank of her choice after research. Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to put \$10,000 into a timed deposit (CD). The current budget will be reviewed by the Board at an upcoming meeting.

The first order of business was accepting the resignations of Board members Dona Hearn (due to health issues) and Marcia Weist, effective 8/21/08 (annual meeting). Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Meunier presented her plans for a pet help line. We have a second message box on our voice mail, which can be used for the help line. Liability issues were discussed, and it determined that a disclaimer must be issued prefacing each call and in any publications related thereto. A motion was made and seconded to form the help line as a committee project, with Meunier as the chairman. Motion approved unanimously. Meunier will present a budget and policies at an upcoming meeting.

Zahler presented information to the Board about establishing a 501(4)(c) foundation. No action was taken at this time.

Nominations for Officers were held: The following nominations were made and seconded: Wanda Muhlke, Secretary; Frank Bryce, Vice President; Mike Hainer, President; and Sue Patterson, Treasurer. There being no other nominations, all officers were elected by acclamation.

Discussion was held regarding committee formations. Motion made and seconded that the following be Standing Committees: Fundraising, Membership, and Nominating; with Humane Education, Publicity/Advertising, Adoptions. Speakers' Bureau, and Outreach/Tabling being Ad Hoc Committees.

It was suggested that a review of the Bylaws be done. Muhlke offered to chair the committee, with Hainer, Patterson and Zahler volunteering to assist.

Hammond presented the “Senior to Senior” program, which she has agreed to chair. The first event will be at the Village of Northrise on October 2-4 to coincide with their 10th anniversary celebration. The program matches individuals 60 years or older with pets 5 or more years of age. (Promotional material attached for file.) Patterson will investigate possible grants from the Petco Foundation.

A discussion was held regarding youth-related activities. Marcia Weist will attempt to obtain a grant. Gilbert gave her Humane Education report (attached for file) and stated there are three Snooter clubs that will graduate students by the end of this year. A booklet will be published, which Bryce offered to sponsor on behalf of Doggie Dude Ranch. Gilbert is studying for her Humane Education certification. A motion was made and seconded that the HSSNM pay the \$180 cost for Gilbert to obtain that certification. Approved unanimously.

The Pet Expo has been cancelled by the hosting organization for this year. Hainer will approach the Red Cross. He will offer to chair the Mutt Show, and suggest that other animal organizations be invited – possibly in April '09. PetSmart has offered that we host Holiday Photos on one and possibly more weekends in December. Dates chosen were: December 6 & 7th (first choice) and December 13 & 14th (second choice). 3 volunteers for each shift will be required. It was suggested that, if possible, we sell a CD of the photo so that people could make their own holiday greeting cards or photos.

It was determined that the HSSNM van will be parked on the La Paz Graham Funeral Home lot next door. If any vandalism occurs there, Patterson stated that it could be parked at the Encantada subdivision lot.

Off-site adoption events will continue on our office lawn, 403 South Melendres, with cats indoors, the last Saturday of each month.

The final order of business was to discuss details of the Volunteer appreciation luncheon to be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008. Dickerson's will cater the event, and we have a \$300 credit with them from the HeART event. Patterson estimates there will be approximately 35 meals needed, and we will solicit volunteers at that event for our programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month until further notice.

Wanda Muhlke, Secretary