

DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

July 18, 2017

Present: Commission Members: Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Eunice Lasala, Stephanie Malkin, Melodie O'Connor

Absent: Anne Burke, Mary Mellows

Guest: Laura Burban DCAS Director

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Marilyn Valette

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING: Melodie O'Connor made mention of the fact her name was spelled wrong in the last set of minutes but made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Eunice LaSala seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved

NEW SPECIAL ACCOUNT: Laura reviewed the how the recent bequest was handled. \$60,000 was put into the medical fund and \$60,000 was put into the new building fund account

WOOFSTOCK: Update was given. All sponsorships and vendor spots are sold and filled. Everything is proceeding well and on schedule for the August 12 event date.

SHELTER REFURBISHING: Laura updated us on a recent shelter convention she went to where they spend time talking about raising money for shelter updates. At the current time we have about \$100,000 allocated from our general fund for the refurbishing of the front shelter area. However this does not include the generator, air conditioning and additional space we really need. It was decided at the meeting that we would try and formulate a Capital Campaign to see if we can raise the money necessary to do more than just the front entry way. Laura suggested she do a "Sleeping in the Kennel" to raise funds.

ACTION POINT: Based on this discussion we will see if we can put together a Capital Campaign Committee to raise money to add to the \$60,000 bequest money put into the building account to see if we can do the entry, add additional space and update the HVAC and put in a generator.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS:

1. **Charming Charlies-** is confirmed and just awaiting a confirmation of the October 21 date. Melodie O'Connor will be following up on this date cfm.
2. **The Stand Restaurant-** Melodie O'Connor advised that the Stand Restaurant has agreed to hold a fundraiser on a Thursday or Saturday and donate a % of the proceeds to DCAS. Looking at Sept. 7 or Sept 14.

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3. **Moxie Guilford**—Is continuing to offer the Shelter Me Drinks in conjunction with Tito's Vodka. To date we have received \$600.00 from this and it will continue on
4. **John Perry Art Exhibit**- Sunday Oct 22 , 2017- will be held at a local restaurant in Branford. 20% of the painting sales will go to DCAS and 100%of the raffle held will go to DCAS.
5. **Animal Awareness Day**- October 1st- 1204. Blessing of the animals will be at 1:30. DCAS will take a booth

UPDATE ON FREEDOM: Laura gave a quick update on Freedom's progress. He is doing better physically but he is exhibiting some behavior problems and may need to bring in a behaviorist to help him.

Stephanie Malkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Valette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

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