

E.C.A.S.- Minutes from meeting held at Lewiston Library 06/13/07.

The following people were present:

Jim Buckingham
Tom Young
Linda Ploe
Carol Young
Pauline Hancock
Pat Crawford
Maggie Tatum

Dave Hancock
Joan LaPorte
Gloria Senical
Katie Schlecht
Robin Smiley
Mary Hubbard
Chris Moe

*Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Minutes from May meeting read/approved.

*Treasurer Report- Mary Hubbard- Total income for May was \$8367.20. We received a check from Igive for \$62.10. Raffle ticket sales \$1540.00. Garage sale total so far is \$5569.41. Other various donations also received. After expenses, we had a net of \$6729.04. Our total liabilities and equity is \$171,758.26. Our medical fund balance is \$1391.00, spay/neuter fund balance \$638.00. The Christmas donations still trickle in and we've reached the \$9000.00 mark. Motion to approve Treasurer report made/approved.

*Membership report- Pat Crawford- We currently have 120 paid members as of the end of May. At the end of 2006 we had 119 members, so we are doing good this year.

*Kennel report- Pauline- Last month we had 7 dogs come in, 4 returned to owner, 10 dogs were adopted, and we transported 5 puppies to another shelter. There are currently 3 dogs in the kennel.

*Building Report- Dave- We are trying to schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks to decide on various timelines for various parts of our project. We have reduced the square footage of the shelter a bit to make it a little under 3000 sq. ft.

*Spay/Neuter report- Maggie- Last month 28 animals were altered. We still have money to spend on spay/neuter from PIE&G grant, that has to be spent by July 1.

*Grant Writing- Maggie- Dr. Bullerdick has given us a list of items we'd need to furnish our clinic room at the shelter. Maggie will be writing a grant to our spay/neuter sponsor to see if they will provide the money to furnish this room with the equipment necessary to do our own spay/neuter on premises. Dr. Bullerdick may even do monthly sessions at the shelter to provide this service. We will not only alter shelter animals, but also animals from the surrounding area.

The Pet Smart charity grant was sent in, but we won't hear anything for approximately 40 to 60 days. Maggie asked for just under \$10,000.00. If we receive this grant, it will be enough to have 6 clinics and alter approximately 324 cats.

We also received the Garland grant for enough money to buy 84 books and covers that will go to kids in schools and libraries in our area. This grant was for \$1100.00.

The baskets that Maggie ordered came in and she ordered 4 more to donate to the golf outing.

*Capital Campaign-Maggie and Mary have been discussing this and have decided that we can't wait any longer to start this campaign. We need \$250,000.00 and would like to break ground this next spring in April of 2008. A lot of planning will be going into this venture and everyone will be helping out. We need to get long term commitments from both businesses and individuals to get this rolling and keep it rolling. We also need to get a commitment from our board.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided by vote to kick off this campaign at the annual golf outing held in Hillman on July 29, 2007. If all goes well, we'll try to break ground in April next year.

We will also have to come up with some type of fund raising event for each month of the year. We will also have to try and come up with an individual to run this campaign even if it's someone outside our group. Maggie has said she will work on a 6-month plan.

*Chris Moe- Will work with the local recycle person Tom Kelke in gathering donations and selling raffle tickets. This event will take place on July 17, at Briley Twp. Park, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., where you can also drop off paper, etc., but no glass.

*Garage sale- Was a big success this year. Carol Young does an awesome job of organizing it and Dave Hancock does a fine job of watching over things and the general cleanup. Many thanks to all our volunteers who help make this event one of our biggest fund raisers. This year we raised close to \$6,000.00. One mans trash is another mans treasure. There was also a Jim Foote print donated at the sale this year that we will auction off during our November dinner.

*ATV Raffle- Jim- We deposited \$1540.00 from sales which was good but not as good as in the past. Part of this is probably due to the economy. We found we've been selling a lot more single tickets than books so far this year.

*Golf Outing- Mary- Mary sent out lists to everybody that was involved last year. She is just waiting right now to see how all involved will respond. You can report your information to either Mary or Dave, and they will keep track of how things are progressing. As mentioned earlier, we will kick off our capital campaign at the golf outing.

*Lewiston Car Show-This event will be worked by the local raffle tag team of Schlecht & Schlecht on Sunday, June 17, 2007. Anyone that wants to help out is welcome to show up.

*Next meeting to be held in Hillman at Sharon Rickards house for an informal cook out and bring a dish to pass. This will take place at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2007.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.