

E.C.A.S.-Minutes from meeting held at Lewiston library, Lewiston, Mi., on 03/08/07.

The following people were present:

Jim Buckingham  
Robin Smiley  
Dave Hancock  
Linda Ploe  
Steve Schlecht  
Maggie Tatum  
Carol Young

Pauline Hancock  
Mary Hubbard  
Jeff Hummel  
Jeanie Senical  
Katie Schlecht  
Pat Crawford

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

\*Minutes from March meeting posted on our web side and approved. Copies from this meeting handed out to those who didn't view them on web site.

\*Treasurer Report- Mary Hubbard- Our total income for the month of February was \$1692.52. After expenses we're in the red \$65.55. Our total assets at present are \$160,477.67. Our total liabilities and equity is \$163,159.84. Various CD's will expire and be renewed in the next few months. The interest gained from CD's and our land contract for 2006 was approximately \$4800.00. Our X-mas mailing is up to \$8780.00, with more still trickling in. This mailing is increasing in donations more and more each year. Our medical fund balance is \$1547.00. Our balance for spay/neuter is \$428.00. Since we got our non-profit mailing status from the post office, our mailing costs have dropped considerably.

We purchased a membership to the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce for \$40.00. This is for one year. Various other expenses were approved for payment by the group.

Mary will be filling out an application for the dishonesty bond. This bond protects the shelter and its members who disburse monies. Motion to approve Treasurer report passed.

\*Membership Report-Pat Crawford- We now have 82 members. Our mailing out the new forms/pamphlets is definitely helping for this membership drive. Hope to sign up another 200 people.

\*Kennel Report- Pauline Hancock- In February, we took in 5 dogs. We had 2 returned to owner, 4 were adopted, 1 transferred to rescue. There are currently 8 in kennel, 1 at a safe house. Pedigree dog foods will match your purchase if you do it on line. If you buy a 22 lb. bag of dog food for \$9.99, they'll match it with another 22 lb. bag of food. Quite a deal for all involved.

\*Humane Education- Sharon Rickard- Sharon is out of town so Maggie Tatum filled in and told us she used some leftover money from our educational grant and bought 2 more books to be used in our libraries and schools. Maggie is also writing another grant for \$1,000.00 from Garland to help us in our school education projects this next school year.

\*Grant Writing- Maggie Tatum- We're waiting to hear from DTE on whether we received the grant or not. DTE's representative for this area said we should hear something by the end of the month.

Maggie applied for an application to apply for a grant called "Curious Cat Pet Smart". This would be for \$10,000, and would be used for spay/neuter programs where our other grant doesn't apply. Maggie is also entering a contest from "Animal Sheltering" where the prize is \$25,000.00. It is an essay type writing contest and in it you have to specify what the monies would be used for. Maggie will be stating various areas in our shelter planning where the money would go to good use.

\*Building Committee Report- Dave Hancock- The board will meet soon to go over preliminary plans, etc. We need to get things on the move so we can start a capital campaign. We also have to develop a time line. We will be talking about the clinic room size, what to furnish it with. Dr. Bullerdick is willing to help us in this department. He can tell us what type of machinery, instrumentation we would need to do spay/neuter on the premises. We can then approach the organization that is willing to help us furnish this clinic with detailed prices on the items we'll need.

\*Spay/Neuter Report-Pauline-Maggie- February had 17 dogs altered. March has 21 appointments scheduled to date, and April has 12 dogs scheduled.

Cat clinics- Our March 17 cat clinic in Lewiston has been moved up to March 24, with 30 felines on that schedule. Our March 31 cat clinic in Hillman has 12 cats on the schedule with more hopefully to be scheduled.

\*Italian Dinner-Katie Schlecht- This will be on March 31, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Katie says she has enough volunteers, with people showing up starting at 2:00 p.m. Jim will show up with the new 4 wheeler at around 2:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle during the dinner, and a Longaberger basket to be raffled off at the end of the dinner. We will be selling raffle tickets at the door. Invitations are being sent out to members in the hope we'll get a large crowd of hungry, raffle ticket buying people!

\*4 Wheeler- Jim- Unit will be purchased on 03/15/07. It will be picked up and transported to the dinner on 03/31/07 and displayed for all to see. Then we start selling tickets. We will again issue tickets to various individuals and businesses throughout our community to help generate ticket sales. We're hoping to get a larger response from the Hillman area in ticket sales this year, since it's our weakest selling area. Trying to be at more events in the Hillman area will certainly help. Regardless, we need to sell all the tickets this year, so any suggestions will certainly be welcome.

\*Collection Boxes- We have to really start paying attention to these boxes. Where they're at, who's checking them, etc. Any new spots to place them, any old spots where they need to be removed and put somewhere different.

\*Newsletter- Getting ready to print. How many copies do we need? Group decided to have the maximum printed with our price, which is 500. Copies can be delivered to

motels, restaurants, stores, etc. Anywhere to get them noticed and read. The more these letters are circulated, the better chance we have of recruiting new members.

\*Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 12, '07, at Hillman Library at 7:00 p.m.

\*Motion to Adjourn at 8:45 p.m. approved.