

E.C.A.S.- Minutes from meeting held at Hillman library, 04/25/07.

The following people were present:

Jim Buckingham	Pauline Hancock
Robin Smiley	Mary Hubbard
Sally King	Joan LaPorte
Linda Ploe	Billy Ploe
Carol Young	Tom Young
Trish Kniffen	

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

\*Minutes from April meeting read..

\*Treasurer Report-Mary Hubbard- Income for all of March and up to April 20, 2007. Our total income for that period was \$3904.26. We paid chamber dues of \$100.00 for both Hillman and Atlanta, of which we are now members. Our net income is actually a net loss of \$652.23, because we put out a lot of money which will be reimbursed through our grants. Our balance in the medical fund is \$1538.00, and our balance in the spay/neuter fund is \$439.00. Our CPA's gave the shelter a 60% discount on their fees. Our total liabilities and equity is \$162,507.61. Motion to accept Treasurer report passed.

\*Membership Report- Pauline gave this report – Pat Crawford couldn't attend- We currently have 114 members for 2007, and 61 donors. Last year at this time we had 119 members, so we're very close in numbers.

\*Kennel Report-Pauline- In March, they took in 9 dogs. 4 were returned to owner, 0 adoptions. So far in April, they've taken in 11 dogs, with 2 returned to owners, 2 adoptions. 3 dogs were transferred to Little Traverse Bay shelter, 1 dog was transferred to Huron shelter in Alpena. There are currently 13 dogs in the kennels.

\*Building Committee- Dave Hancock- absent today so Pauline filled in. There is more information available for the building committee that we will review at the close of this meeting.

\*Capital Campaign- We are hoping to kick off this campaign in the near future, but there are still details that have to be worked out. Tom Young is working on this. We also need a committee, and so far we have Tom, Mary Hubbard, and Maggie Tatum on this committee. It will probably end up with all of us doing something on this campaign.

\*Maggie Tatum- Grants, etc.- DTE turned us down. One main reason being that they are trying to sell all their property here in Northern Michigan, and get completely out of the oil and gas business up here. Maggie has applied for a \$1200.00 grant from Garland for education, etc. Pet Smart charity has accepted our preliminary abstract for the \$10,000.00 curious cat grant. This could help fund approximately 6 cat clinics and more.

\*Spay/Neuter-Maggie- We did 83 cats for the 3 clinics. 52 were female cats, and 31 were male. We have about \$850.00 left from this fund, and we may try to have Dr. Bullerdick do spay/neuter on small dogs. For our DJ&T fund, we did 23 dogs last month- 12 small dogs, 11 large. As of today, we have about \$3000.00 in the small dog fund, and about \$8000.00 for large dogs. The next cat clinic will be in Gaylord on June 5.

\*I-give- We received a check for \$51.65 from them. We currently have 18 members. We've made \$434.76 since we started last September. We also received a check for \$268.75 from basket sales.

\*Italian Dinner- Katie- not here so Mary filled in some details. We took in \$1393.00. After expenses we net \$1314.00. Our table sales were \$148.00, and we sold \$605.00 worth of raffle tickets. 121 dinners were sold.

\*Motocross- at fairgrounds Atlanta, May 5- We will try and get permission to attend this function with our 4 wheeler and try and sell raffle tickets. Steve and Katie will bring the machine over and work for a while, as well as Chuck and Robin to help. We hope this can turn into something big because they have lots of people there.

\*A conference "The Business of Nonprofits" will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2007, in Alpena in case anybody would like to attend. Mary volunteered to go and check this awesome event out.

\*Golf Outing-It's a good possibility that the date will change from Sunday, July 29, to Saturday, July 28. This can be really good for us. It could definitely bring in more people. Mary is checking the possible date change for us. The "hole in 1" insurance policy is \$255.00, we'll try to get somebody to sponsor this.

\*Robin- Remittance envelopes- We need to start putting these in our newsletters and other correspondence. Robin found a place in New York that can print these envelopes at a cheaper price than we can get them around here, even with shipping charges. These would be 6 ¾ size envelopes. Robin is checking price for 10,000 of these as well as the price for 10,000 regular #10 envelopes. The group approved the purchase of 10,000 #6/34 env.

\*Garage sale- Drop off dates have changed to Fri-Sat – May 18, 19 from 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. and Fri. May 25 from 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. The actual sale will be on Sat. May 26, and finish on Sun. May 27. Cleanup on Sun. afternoon and Monday, May 28.

\*Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, Wednesday, in Atlanta at the library.

\*Meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.