

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday Jan 8, 2009
Elk Country Animal Shelter
11484 Youngs Rd Atlanta, MI

The following people were present:

Pauline Hancock	Maggie Tatum	Tom Young
Rochelle Haeussler	Stephen Haeussler	Katie Schlecht
Robin Smiley	Pat Crawford	Trish Kniffen
Mary Hubbard	Sarah Prince	Barry Danks
Sharon Rickard	Randy Klein	Connie Danks
Carol Young	Theresa Klein	Barb Vogt
Linda Ploe	Rosemary Nuhfer	Chuck Ruhl
Agnes Mowatt	Trish Mowatt	

*Called to Order 7:07pm

Reading of Mission Statement: The Elk Country Animal Shelter shall be committed to providing a caring shelter and eventual placement of adoptable animals; be advocates for companion animals; provide education on the proper care of animals and promote understanding of the need to control the population of unwanted animals. Read by Tom Young.

Officer Reports

***President**/Pauline Hancock

***Secretary**/Rochelle Haeussler- Minutes for December have been approved and posted

***Treasurer**/Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of December is \$13,103.97. Total Expenses-\$7,420.14. Net Income \$5,683.83. The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$2,165. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$209. Balance in ECAS education fund is \$221. Balance in ECAS appliance fund is \$160. Balance in ECAS Youth Group fund is \$1,878. Motion to approve made by Pauline, 2nd by Carol-motion passed. .

***Committee Reports**

***Building Committee**- Dave Hancock-Absent-Pauline reports that kennel gates are scheduled to arrive 1/18/09.

***Animal Welfare**-Pauline Hancock-Currently 12 in kennel. For December, Intake-7, Adopted-3, Return to owner-2, Transport-3.

***Membership Report**- Pat Crawford – New this year to date-64. Individual-34, Family-12, Family/Pet-1, Senior-9, Junior-1 Member/Pet-3, Business-3

***Humane Education**-Sharon Rickard-Continuing research to improve programs. Program scheduled in Hillman in the spring

***Grant Writing**-Maggie Tatum-DJ&T to be sent by beginning of next week. Consider idea for a pet food pantry, possibility of grant to help fund. NE Community Foundation Grant-youth target

***Spay/Neuter Report**-Mary/Pauline-Friends For Life of Otsego Co has picked up some small dog spay/neuters. Spay Day USA is Feb 24-possible event opportunity in Feb.

***Capital Campaign**-Maggie Tatum-Bricks and plaques continue to come in.

***Fundraising**-Carol-

Volunteer Committee-Carol-

***Publication/Media**- Pauline-

***Nominating**- Dave Hancock-

***Youth**-Sarah Prince-Youth Group t-shirts are in and ready to go to print. Representatives from the group are planning recruitment events in the schools.

***Unfinished Business** –

- Reception-Maggie-Event went very well with approximately 150 attending. Thank you, Maggie, for all of your efforts with this event!
- Christmas Mailing-Pauline/Mary- YTD received \$6113.00. Cost of mailing:\$652/5780pcs. 92pcs had to be mailed 1st class, remainder at \$.16ea. Membership mailing scheduled at the end of Feb.
- Santa Pet Pictures-Hillman and Wags To Wiskers-Robin-Not as strong of turn out this year. Total \$708. Next year plan 1 at the Shelter, and 1 at Wags To Wiskers.

***New Business**-

- Meeting Schedule-Schedule Board of Directors meeting separate from the General Membership Meeting
- Calendar of Events 2009-Calendar of Events for 2008 reviewed for scheduling opportunities for the coming year, the 2009 Calendar will be compiled and made available as soon as possible.
- Pet Calendar for 2010-Katie –Possible fundraiser, Katie will research cost, compile ideas from other calendars.
- Trish Mowatt offered to research appliances , requests guidelines, support from Building Committee.
- Maggie is currently updating our website.
- Explore possibility of a Cell Tower on the property.
- Planning for Grand Opening-tabled until firm dates are available

Next Meeting to be held February 12, 2009 7PM at the
ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER-ATLANTA

Motion to adjourn made by Shelley, 2nd by Pauline-Motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm