

Centre County PAWS, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
PAWS Adoption and Education Center

Board Members/Staff Attending: Dave Abler (presiding), Lisa Bahr, Brian Eppley, Chris Faust, Bill Harvey, Ginny Ishler, Ginny Newman, Heidi Petruzzi (recording), Yvonne Riley, Joan Ritchie, Monica Wright

PAWS Members and Guests Attending:
No members were present.

Dave Abler called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Member Questions and Comments

No members were present.

Action Item - Approval of November 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes - Heidi Petruzzi

Ginny N. moved to approve the minutes. Monica seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

President Report – Dave Abler noted that the size and composition of the Board of Directors was discussed in executive session last month. The Board decided to increase its membership to twelve seats if suitable candidates are willing to serve. Joan verbally indicated that she is planning to run for re-election.

Vice President Report – Yvonne Riley did not have a report this month.

Treasurer Report – Reenie Ferretti was not present.

Recording Secretary Report – Heidi Petruzzi did not have a report this month.

Unfinished Business

Action Item - 2019 Board Meeting Dates and Times - Dave Abler

In discussion, Board members decided to continue meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month, but move the meeting time to 5:45 pm to see if that will work for everyone.

Meeting dates for 2019 will be January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25th, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 26. The December meeting will be specially scheduled.

Action Item - 2019 PAWS Budget - Brian Eppley

First, Brian distributed the Finance Report. November expenses were high due to the annual audit and capital expenditure for new flooring. The Board approved using Excess Planned Giving for the floor in October, so the spreadsheet shows that the money was moved to Capital Reserves from Excess Planned Giving. Gross payroll in 2018 was up about 10% over previous years. The 2019 Budget takes this into consideration. Bingo income was very good, but the yearly expenses are high due to paying for 4 bingos in 2018. The Fur Ball exceeded 100% of expected income this month.

Next, Brian distributed the proposed 2019 PAWS Budget. The only change from the draft budget distributed at the last meeting is that the Payroll numbers were bumped up to reflect that most employees are working all of their allotted hours. Dave commented that the budget looks good and that the overall increase in spending and expenses from the 2018 estimates is about 6%, which is smaller than in previous years. Brian noted that most expenses are leveling off and are becoming easier to predict, but medical expenses keep going up and capital expenditures are higher. Dave indicated that the increased capital expenditures reflect the age of the building, that facility upkeep will continue to incur costs.

Bill moved to approve the budget. Monica seconded the motion. The 2019 PAWS Budget was approved unanimously.

Ginny N. moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm, followed by an executive session.

The next PAWS Board Meeting is January 22, 2019 at 5:45 pm.