

Centre County PAWS, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2019, 5:45 – 7:00 pm
PAWS Adoption and Education Center

Board Members/Staff Attending: Dave Abler (presiding), Lisa Bahr, Mike Chilcot, Bob Conn, Brian Eppley, Chris Faust, Ginny Ishler, Ryan Macaluso (via Skype), Ginny Newman, Heidi Petruzzi (recording), Yvonne Riley

PAWS Members and Guests Attending:
None

Dave Abler called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Member Questions and Comments

None

Action Item - Approval of September 24, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes - Heidi Petruzzi

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

Officer Reports

President Report - Dave Abler reported that Reenie was unable to attend the meeting. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet October 30 to draft the 2020 budget. The Board members present agreed on December 9 at 5:45 as the date and time for the last meeting of the calendar year.

Vice President Report – Virginia Ishler did not have a report.

Treasurer Report – Reenie Ferretti was not present.

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

Staff and Committee Reports

Director of Finance Report - Brian Eppley emailed and distributed the finance report. Expenses remain fairly steady each month. September was a good month for income, which included a planned giving gift. Dog adoption numbers were strong. Cat adoption numbers were good, as they have been all year. Cat medical expenses were high again. With the expansion and having more cats, we may need to allocate more funds to cat medical in future budgets. There also are many spay/neuters occurring because the cat population is high. Dog medical also is high relative to the number of dog adoptions. Lisa noted that veterinary fees at some clinics have gone up significantly in the past year, which is contributing to high medical costs. Almost all of the area vets give PAWS a discount and provide a certain number of spays/neuters for free. Capital expenditures include some furniture for the cat wing expansion.

Director of Operations Report – Lisa Bahr emailed her report. Lisa gave a short presentation about Dixie Cup, a feral cat who could not return to her original location for safety reasons. Lisa contacted Steve, who maintains the Oak Hall Gang feral colony, and he readily agreed to integrate Dixie Cup into the colony. Overall, cat adoptions are going well. Lisa is scheduling interviews for the cat adoption assistant position. It was a strong dog adoption month, but numbers are steady, not increasing. The dog team is trying some new ideas to increase adoption numbers, focusing on initial client contact and match making. Spays/Neuters are going well. Between September and early October, PAWS spent \$3,000 on spays/neuters for PAWS cats alone. The new play yard construction started. The second OLLI presentation was last week. Lisa was accepted as an ASPCA Field Investigations and Response (FIR) team member. Sometime in the next year, she ask for a week off at PAWS to volunteer in an emergency response area to help rescue animals.

Development and Marketing Report – Chris Faust emailed and distributed the development report. She expressed thanks to everyone who attended the Fur Ball. The event raised about \$6,000 less than last year since fewer people attended this year. The biggest factor for lower attendance was that many people were out of town attending the PSU v. MD football game. The highlights of the evening were Quig and Lisa's speech about him.

PAWS was invited to be part of the local Target Circle Community Giving Program along with five other area non-profits. Each non-profit will be awarded funds based on voting by Target shoppers who enroll in the program. It begins in January 2020 and lasts for 90 days. Typically, non-profits are awarded \$1,000-\$2,000. Chris is grateful that PAWS was chosen from among the many non-profits in the area. She encourages Target shoppers to sign up and support PAWS.

There are many events coming up in the near future. Bingo is November 22. There have been several requests from student groups for Pet A Pooches. There are only ten spots left for Happy Cat Yoga on November 2.

Nominating Committee Report – Joan Ritchie was not present.

Personnel Committee Report – Yvonne Riley did not have a report.

Executive Director Search Committee Report – Monica Wright was not present. Dave noted that the Committee continues to receive applications.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Yvonne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm, followed by an executive session.

The next PAWS Board Meeting is November 26, 2019.