

ACT Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2009

The regular monthly Animal Care Trust Board meeting was held at 5:00 PM on June 10, 2009 at the McKamey Center on Access Road.

Members of the Board attending: Chair, Ann Ball; Marie Chinery; Nancy Dunlap; Secretary, Mary Dube'; Carol Goodman; Janna Jahn; Cathy Jennings; Mark Litchford; Susie Matthews, DVM; Carla Morgan; Laurie Shipley; Lee Towery; Barby Wilson, Emeritus; Sonia Young; Georgiana Yurjevic.

Absent Board Members: Donnie Hutcherson; David Johnson; Jennifer Kolb, DVM; Treasurer, Jack Kruesi; Karla Valadez.

Also present were numerous guests, employees & interim ED Karen Walsh, LVMT.

Chair Ann Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00. Ann asked if all Board members had read the May minutes & wished to discuss or approve the minutes as submitted. Cathy Jennings motioned to approve the May minutes; Marie Chinery seconded, & the Board unanimously approved.

Announcements: Ann indicated that the ED Search Committee completed review of over 100 applicants for the Executive Director position. Eight candidates were chosen to be interviewed. Following those interviews, the Committee expects to be able to make a recommendation to the board in the near future. The Committee will be putting a letter together to offer the job to one of the finalists. Cathy Jennings name was put forward as a candidate for the vacant Vice Chair position & she has agreed to serve in that role. A Board vote unanimously supported Cathy's nomination to Vice Chair.

Committee Reports: City- Marie Chinery indicated that we will know more about the City budget after July.

Staff Liaison – Karen Walsh reported on many administrative activities that are occurring to improve conditions for the animals and help the Center operate more efficiently. There are a significant number of animals currently in foster care. Kerry Moyers Horton is working with new rescue groups out of the New England area, and this is very successful to help more animals find homes.

Financial Committee- Jack was absent but provided financial reports for the Board to review.

Development Committee- Marie reported that her committee has been very active & they plan to have an event every month.

Policies & Procedure report –Dr. Matthews shared that her Committee has discussed the broad range of topics that need to be covered & felt the best place to begin is to work with staff to determine where gaps / areas of opportunity exist.

Old Business: The Bark-A-Que was very successful and everything was donated so this event generated good revenue. Leadership Chattanooga will have an event at the Center on June 16. Janna Jahn reported that all efforts are being made to get the final section of the McKamey Dog exercise yard fenced.

New Business: Georgiana shared other ideas she has for use of the Auto Debit funds.

Mark Litchford reported on TN raffle application process and requirements. July 1 is the first date we are eligible to apply. We will have to sign an affidavit if we wish to do the raffle. Georgiana motioned that we proceed with plans for the raffle as described. Lee seconded the motion & the Board supported the vote unanimously.

We need to increase pet license compliance. A good way to do this is working with vet offices to enlist their help in reminding people when they get their pet's rabies vaccines.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Dube', ACT Board Secretary.

Our next meeting will be held on July 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM at the Center.

Committee Chairs: Please remember to be prepared to deliver a committee progress report at each Board meeting and provide a copy of the Committee report to Secretary.