

## **ACT Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010**

The regular monthly Animal Care Trust Board meeting was held at 5:00 PM on January 13 at the McKamey Center on Access Road.

Members of the Board attending: Chair, Ann Ball; Kyle Bryant; Marie Chinery; Krystye Dalton; Secretary, Mary Dube'; Nancy Dunlap; Carol Goodman; Vice Chair, David Johnson; Treasurer, Jack Kruesi; Mark Litchford; Susie Matthews, DVM; Becky McMahon; Carla Morgan; Laurie Shipley; Lee Towery; Barby Wilson, Emerita; Sonia Young

Absent Board Members: Donnie Hutcherson; Dr. Jennifer Kolb; Karla Valadez , Emerita

Also present were: Paula Hurn; David Long; Tricia Sebes; Karen Walsh; and guests, Lois Moss, Marion Rhoides and Janet Tolbert.

Chair Ann Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00. Ann asked if all Board members had read the December minutes & wished to discuss or approve the minutes as submitted. The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

### **Committee Reports:**

City Report- Marie Chinery indicated that the city is working with McKamey and many regional vets to send deceased pets to McKamey for cremation.

Financial Committee- Jack Kruesi provided financial documents and indicated that great progress has been made on goals and targets. Options for increasing our interest earnings are being explored.

ED Report- Karen reported that the Chattanooga State students will be back at McKamey starting January 14. This is beneficial for students to learn about all aspects of animal care and is also beneficial to the animals being cared for at McKamey. Karen spent time working Animal Services at year end and was pleased to report that they had achieved their goal of zero calls on backlog by New Year's Eve. Tricia Sebes provided the report on volunteer and rescue activities. Adoptions and merchandise sales were up thanks to Amy Nelson's dedication and creative approach. Paula Hurn is working with David Long to continue to minimize expenses. New animal regulations were proposed at the City Council meeting, and will be voted upon at upcoming meetings. Discussion on various items included were a anti chaining portion, ticketing for barking dogs and veterinarians being able to sell city licenses for \$2. Karen will go to the next HCVMA meeting to update the vets on the progress in this ordinance section and let them know participation is strictly voluntary.

Marketing and PR Report-Wright Jewelers is donating a portion of all sales to McKamey through Valentine's & Mother's day. Ads will run in the newspaper to promote this.

Development Committee- Marie indicated that a few calendars are left and are discounted for clearance. The Scenic City Marathon is a great fundraising opportunity for us. Rick Tucker or Tricia Sebes will help set up personal fundraising sites for those who wish to do so. Other fundraisers in the works were discussed.

Policies & Procedure Committee- No new report

Old Business- Barby reported that efforts to resolve lingering building issues are moving forward. Plans to address issues are in place, and will be methodically addressed.

New business- There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Dube', ACT Board Secretary.

Our next meeting will be held February 10, 2010 at 4:30 PM for the closed, executive meeting of all board members and 5:00 PM for the open board meeting. All meetings are 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.*