

Minutes of ACT - Regular Board Meeting November 11, 2015

Location: McKamey Animal Care Center

Board Members Present: Karla McKamey Valadez (Board Chair), Nancy Dunlap (Secretary), Doug Swafford (Treasurer), Bruce Baird, Krystye Dalton, Elisabeth Donnovin, Carol Goodman, Cindy Schmissrauter, Lee Towery, Sonia Young

Absent: Mark Litchford, Carolyn Varnell, Susan Lindner, Naiara Cancel, Jay Floyd, Ashley Sorrow, Angelika Lingl

Also Present: Jamie McAloon (ED); Jeff Wilhite (Financial Controller); Molly Cooper (City Representative)

Special Guest: Desiree – Recently rescued “dumpster dog”

Meeting was called to order at: 4:35

1. The Agenda was approved.
2. The October 14, 2015 Minutes were approved.
3. Elisabeth Donnovin reported that brunch last Sunday at her parent’s house had a good turnout. Had many people interested in MAC and what we do here; many donations were received.
4. Lee Towery reported that the annual Lexus Golf Tournament went well -- So far the event made \$34, 500.
5. Nancy Dunlap asked the board if they wanted to vote on the 2016 Officers individually or as a “slate of officers” since the slate was presented to the board last month and there were no nominations from the floor. The board agreed to do one vote on the proposed “slate”; Sonia Young made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented, Bruce Baird seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous “Aye” vote. The following will be the Board Officers in 2016:
 - a. Lee Towery – Board Chair
 - b. Elisabeth Donnovin – Board Vice Chair
 - c. Nancy Dunlap – Board Secretary
 - d. Doug Swafford – Board Treasurer
6. Elisabeth Donnovin made a motion to allow Bruce Baird (former past chair) to remain on the Executive Committee as the Director representative; motion was seconded by Lee Towery and was approved by a unanimous “Aye” vote. Karla McKamey will remain on the Executive Committee as “past chair”.
7. Nancy Dunlap led a discussion with the board as to what the Regular Meeting Schedule would be for 2016; there were no motions to change the meetings from the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm at the McKamey Center so this will remain the schedule for the next year.
8. Lee Towery discussed the vote taken last month to cancel the December 9th board meeting; she felt that 2 months was too long in between meetings and many Directors agreed. The board suggested that Nancy Dunlap send a note to the board the week prior to the meeting to see how many people are able to attend. We will only cancel the meeting if only a few people can attend. She asked everyone to please RSVP to Nancy so we have an accurate count.

9. Development/Special Events:
 - a. Sonia Young reported that there will be a Mardi Gras Brunch on January 31st , 2016 at Walden Club. More information will follow.
 - b. Lee Towery reported that the Barktoberfest was a very fun event; lots of people attended; it was also a very good adoption day! The Center made about \$1700 from the Beer Garden.
 - c. Karla McKamey reported on the Major Donor Cocktail Party at Bob McKamey's home – it was well attended for this being the first event of its kind; we will consider having it annually -- \$1,050.00 in donations have been received so far.
10. Doug Swafford reported for the Finance Committee: Supplies for the Center animals continue to be over budget as the animal population is way over what it's been the last 2 years. This is due to many factors including the Center's efforts to save as many animals as possible.
 - a. Fundraising continues to be very important as well as considering hiring a Development Manager; more discussion needs to take place regarding this.
11. ED Report – See Report that will be retained in the Board Minutes Book at MAC:
 - a. Animal population has dropped from the Spring/Summer months to 350; goal is to get it below 300 but many of the factors are beyond our control.
 - b. Two major adoption events are coming up – Black Friday and Holiday All Nighter on December 18th.
 - c. December 13th there will be a Center employee Christmas Party at the Enclave; all Board members are invited.
 - d. The Henley case is coming up; he is the guy who beat the Pomeranian to death with a shoe; it is important to get him charged with a felony; please write a letter to Neal Pinkston, DA (Karen Wilson will send out a draft that can be used).
 - e. In another case, a guy threw a kitten into a wall and killed it; this case will be going to court soon.
 - f. Please attend any of these court sessions you can as it does make a difference in the outcome; Jamie will let the Board know when they are scheduled.
12. The Board discussed providing Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches for Center employees once again this year for the following dates:
 - a. Friday, November 27th Black Friday Event – all employees are working (the event is from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Krystye Dalton volunteered to call around and come up with catering for lunch this day; all who wish are invited to chip in (see Krystye).
 - b. Christmas All nighter on December 18th from 12 Noon to 12 Midnight this year so lunch and dinner would be appreciated; all employees and many volunteers will be working (approximately 40 people).
 - c. Nancy Dunlap to send out a Doodle Poll where you will be able to sign up.
 - d. Christmas Week Lunches – Wednesday, December 23rd thru Saturday, December 26th:
 - i. Friday, Christmas Day – Cindy Schmissrauter volunteered to provide lunch (only about 10 employees will be working)
 - ii. Thursday, Christmas Eve -- approximately 20 people will be working (people can sign up via the Doodle Poll)
 - iii. Saturday, December 26th, approximately 20 people will be working (people can sign up via the Doodle Poll)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

Minutes submitted by Nancy Dunlap, Board Secretary

Nancy Dunlap

Minutes approved by the Board: December 9, 2015