

**Minutes of ACT - Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2015**

**Location:** McKamey Animal Care Center

**Board Members Present:** Karla McKamey Valadez (Board Chair), Nancy Dunlap (Secretary), Bruce Baird, Doug Swafford (Treasurer), Cindy Schmissrauter, Lee Towery, Elisabeth Donnovin, Jay Floyd, Carol Goodman, Angelika Lingl, Nairara Cancel, Sonia Young, Ashley Sorrow, Carolyn Varnell

**Absent:** Susan Lindner, Mark Litchford, Krystye Dalton

**Also Present:** Chelsea Sadler (City Representative); Jamie McAloon (ED), Jeff Wilhite (Financial Controller, MAC)

**Meeting was called to order at: 4:35 PM**

1. The Agenda was approved.
2. The September 9, 2015 Minutes were approved.
3. Karla McKamey reminded everyone about a Fund Raiser/Cocktail Party being held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bob McKamey's house. About 155 Invitations have been sent out. All Board Directors are invited to attend.
4. Nancy Dunlap reported for the Governance/Nominating Committee – There was a Nominating Committee meeting held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be two Board Officer openings in 2016 (the Chair position will be vacated by Karla McKamey; the Vice Chair position will be vacated by the board resignation of Mark Litchford). After much discussion of potential candidates, the Nominating Committee agreed on the following slate of officers for 2016 which will be voted on at the November Annual Meeting:
  - a. Lee Towery, Board Chair
  - b. Elisabeth Donnovin, Board Vice Chair
  - c. Nancy Dunlap, Board Secretary
  - d. Doug Swafford, Board Treasurer
5. Nancy asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none.
6. Lee Towery reported for the Development/Special Events Committee:
  - a. The Doggie Paddle event at Warner Park was very successful with lots of participation.
  - b. Elisabeth Donnovin's parents will be having a Sunday Brunch (guests to meet Jamie McAloon and learn about McKamey) on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30; invitations to be sent out soon. All Board Directors are invited.
  - c. The Bourbon Street Brunch had to be rescheduled due to low participation at the deadline time set by the Walden Club; Sonia Young suggested November 15<sup>th</sup> as a date to reschedule. More information to follow.
  - d. The event at the Flying Squirrel bar raised approximately \$1100; they donated a portion of proceeds to MAC that evening. Many people brought their dogs and it was a fun event.
  - e. The Barktoberfest Halloween event is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> – Family oriented event for kids and dogs; trail in the woods behind McKamey was provided by TVA employee volunteers who made the trail during their Day of Caring.
  - f. November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual Lexus Golf Tournament. Still need hole sponsorships.

7. Doug Swafford, Finance report – Again the Center is over budget, mostly due to animal related supplies (food, medical, etc.). More fund raising is needed to offset these costs.
8. Jamie McAloon -- ED Report:
  - a. Number of animals being cared for have increased to the extent that our budget is not large enough to care for them (food and supplies, medical costs, etc).
  - b. The Center is now saving more animals, which is our mission and the city's desired direction for the Center, but this increases the costs dramatically.
  - c. Elisabeth suggested we take graphs and information and meet with the City officials about an increase in our budget/city contract to allow us to continue with this direction.
  - d. Officers have been taking in many more animals. Took in YTD 298 more animals this year than last. Much of this increase is out of our control since we are an open door shelter for the City and cannot plan for increased intake numbers due to hoarding cases, etc.
  - e. Compassion fatigue is a major issue that affects all Center employees; had a counselor speak at a staff meeting recently; will be planning an employee retreat with a crisis counselor to address this issue.
  - f. Involved in various cruelty cases at this time; would be good if board members would go to these court cases (every Thursday 10:00 a.m.); Jamie to advise the Board of important cases.
  - g. Requested that we add 1-1/2 hours to the January meeting for a program to be presented to the Board on Strategic Planning by Laura McCann, Center for Non-profits.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

Minutes submitted by Nancy Dunlap, Board Secretary



Minutes approved by the Board: November 11, 2015

