



Protectors of Animals, Inc.

Board Meeting – October 21, 2014
144 Main Street, Unit E, East Hartford, CT

Board Members present: Jody Macrina, Stacey Doan, Sara Taylor, Zach Stewart, Ron Plante, Debbie Nichols, JoAnn Azzara, Roopa Rajaramadoss

Board Members absent: Jordan Price, Mukesh Sharma

Staff Member present: John Thomas (Executive Director)

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting:**

S. Doan made a motion to accept the minutes as written; R. Rajaramadoss seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

3. **President's Report:**

- J. Macrina asked S. Taylor to discuss the prospect of using a consent agenda at future Board meetings. S. Taylor described the format of a consent agenda and stated that all reports and materials (i.e. President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Executive Director's Report, committee reports, etc.) would need to be provided to S. Taylor by the Thursday prior to the Board meeting so that the consent agenda can be finalized and all documents sent to Board members by the Friday prior to the Board meeting.

S. Taylor made a motion to begin using a consent agenda at the November 2014 Board meeting; Z. Stewart seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

- J. Macrina addressed the nomination of Jim Byrne for membership on the Board. His application was submitted at the end of September.

S. Taylor made a motion to elect Jim Byrne to the Board; S. Doan seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

- J. Macrina discussed the Matt Fraser psychic event to be held at Manchester Community College on Thursday, November 6. The event is a fundraiser for POA. As of the date of the Board meeting, 46 tickets had been sold (out of approximately 120 available). J. Macrina stated that an advertisement about the event is going to appear in the Journal Inquirer.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- Z. Stewart stated that POA received approximately \$30,000 in donations in September. There was a large number of memorial donations, and adoption donations were higher than prior months.
- Z. Stewart stated that Giftworks has been upgraded and that he will be covering the \$90/month fee.

5. Executive Director's Report:

- J. Thomas discussed his monthly report to the Board and stated that there are ongoing discussions regarding the possibility of POA operating a low-cost veterinary clinic as a program of POA. A plan is in the process of being developed.

6. New Business:

- The Board will vote at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting on the proposal for the Executive Director's health insurance premiums for 2015.
- R. Rajaramadoss discussed the fundraising/event report that she prepared, which contained the amounts of funds raised at events in which POA had participated over the past few months.
- Note: Greg Simpson tendered his resignation from the Board to J. Macrina on October 20, 2014.

7. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on November 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at 144 Main Street, Unit E, East Hartford, CT.

Submitted by: Sara Taylor, Secretary