



**Protectors of Animals, Inc.**

Board Meeting – April 15, 2014

Location: 144 Main Street, Unit E, East Hartford, CT

Board Members present: Jody Macrina, Stacey Doan, Sara Taylor, Greg Simpson, JoAnn Azzara, Roopa Rajaramadoss, Zachary Stewart, Mukesh Sharma, Debbie Nichols, Ron Plante, Jordan Price

Staff Member present: John Thomas, Director of Shelter Operations

1. **Call to Order:** J. Macrina called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **Minutes of the March 4, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.**

**S. Doan made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Z. Stewart seconded. The motion unanimously passed.**

3. **President's Report:**

- J. Macrina reported that the Spay USA conference is in San Antonio in August.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Z. Stewart reported that revenues are higher than budget by about \$22,000.
- Z. Stewart proposed moving some of POA's cash into a CD. J. Price stated that he had looked into CDs about a year ago but ultimately determined that the interest rates were too low to justify moving cash into a CD. However, it has been more than a year, so the issue can be revisited.

5. **Director of Shelter Operations Monthly Report – John Thomas**

- J. Thomas distributed his monthly report to the Board, which will be attached to these minutes when they are posted on the POA website.
- J. Thomas discussed the following:
  - POA's presence on Fox 61 on Thursdays, which is good exposure for POA.
  - POA has a volunteer who is a librarian at Manchester Community College. She asked John to put together a non-credit course at MCC; John is looking into doing this because it would be good to get POA's name out for possible donations, adopters, etc.
  - John met with Jeff Greenblatt from Bozzuto's (also a POA volunteer). They discussed "Whisker Docs," a web-based veterinary consultancy. POA could potentially be the first rescue group that they would serve.
  - Dr. Nock and the CT Mobile Veterinary Service is performing spay/neuter services for POA. Dr. Nock is also coming into the cat shelter to examine cats. R. Plante asked if John could provide the Mobile Vet schedule to the dog team.
  - Laura Goldner is going to step back from her role on the dog team in June. Some of her duties will be de-centralized.

6. **Annual Volunteer Report – Greg Simpson**

- G. Simpson delivered the annual volunteer report, which will be attached to these minutes when they are posted on the POA website.

**7. March 2014 Fundraiser Final Report – Roopa Rajaramadoss**

- R. Rajaramadoss reported the following items from the March 2014 fundraiser:
  - \$26,830.19 in net funds
  - 288 sold tickets (room accommodates 300)
  - \$6,000 in sponsorships
  - \$1,073 in the 50/50 raffle

**8. Board Involvement in Events and Fundraising – Stacey Doan**

- S. Doan stated that 2015 will be POA's 40-year anniversary. POA may do a different or revised logo in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- For a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we may want to look into a larger venue than Mt. Carmel, which accommodates 300 people.
- Regarding events and networking, S. Doan proposed that Board members try to attend and help with at least a couple of events each year. It's an opportunity to network with the community and with other volunteers.
- M. Sharma suggested that an events schedule would help with planning.

**9. New Business**

- None.

**10. Executive Session**

- The Board entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on May 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at 144 Main Street, Unit E, East Hartford, CT.

Submitted by: Sara Taylor, Secretary