



Independent Cat Society
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
August 1, 2016, 6:00pm-7:30 pm
Purdue North Central Room LSF170A

Present: Staci Trekles, Diana Foster, Joan Hildebrand, Jocelyn Vereb, Judy Dean, Jen Stall, Carol Abshire, Lauren Lafferty

Absent: Kay Vasquez, Natalie Cebulski and Jason Petrovich

1. Call to Order

1. Welcome and President's remarks

2. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of reports and minutes

7-11-16 Meeting – Board attendees and adjournment time to be added. Minutes accepted ad amended.

2. Review of month of email motions and acceptance

1. none

3. Approval of Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report (Natalie Cebulski)
2. PR and Communications (?)
3. Fundraising (Lori Hlinsky)
4. Health and Wellness (Carol Abshire/Paulette Gonzalez)
5. Volunteers (Judy Dean/Diana Foster)
6. Membership (Jocelyn Vereb)
7. Foster Care (Donna Daniel)
8. Adoptions (Joan Hildebrand)
9. Admission (Paulette Gonzalez)
10. TNR (Connie Szawara)
11. Human Resources (Stephanie Bradsky) – no report
12. Technology (Staci Trekles) – no report
13. Sponsor-A-Cat (Carol Abshire)
14. Grants (Roberta Jocius)
15. All others received – all approved

Discussion:

1. Reports not submitted by Meeting time include: Technology, Volunteer, TNR, Fundraising, Human Resources, Foster Care. Notation Made by Jocelyn Vereb that the time frame between the July and August Meeting was shortened to three weeks (due to July 4th Holiday) rather than the usual 4 thus reports were difficult to submit. Submitted Reports accepted as received.

4. Announcements and items for information

3. Action Agenda

1. Old business

1. Building committee update: Natalie Cebulski and Roberta Jocius not present to discuss progress of Committee. Judy Dean questioned the purpose of a Porch on the new Shelter other than for esthetics.
2. Med cabinet and locks :
 - a. Jen Stall reported progress with local Company regarding costs of new locks and non-duplicated keys. Project still in process. Jen will continue to submit information to the Board.
 - b. Kay Vasquez and Paulette Gonzales will meet within the next few weeks to evaluate new medicine cabinets/table. Discussion tabled at this time.
3. Conclusion of Lauren's internship – training event on August 6 at shelter – 4:00pm:

A request to send all Volunteers information regarding **the Presentation on the Results of the Survey on ICS Core Values**, to be held on Saturday, August 6th from 4 – 5 pm on the grounds of the shelter. Judy Dean will send all volunteers this notice.

Approximately 200 volunteers sent the initial survey. 10% return (22 responses)

2. **New Business**

a. **Book Sale Date and Location:**

Locations continue to be evaluated. Jocelyn noted there is a National Moratorium on the use of Military National Guard armories by civilians due to potential presence of Lead in the water. Various locations within La Porte county as well as Valpo were suggested. Potential to check out include: Purdue Northwest/ Westville campus's New Activity Bldg. (Cats are not allowed within the Physical confines of the Bldg, but can be located on the outside grounds; The Pinola Auction Bldg located on US Rt 2 and 700 W, several miles East of Westville; ICS shelter Outdoor Grounds using 3 sided tents (Joan Hildebrand will contact the vendor ICS normally uses for Tents during the garage Sales.)

La Porte location vs Valpo location. Judy Dean noted that few La Porte citizens would attend due to Valpo location and the annual Book Fair held by the La Porte Library – Although Library is now closed for revamping.

Suggestions will be forwarded to the ICS Sale Coordinators. Please note, any suggestions regarding the Book Sale are to be directed to the Coordinators and not taken on by individual Volunteers. The event is extremely well coordinated by the Chairs of this event and any 'outside' help by unsolicited volunteers could disrupt the planning component.

b. Grant Monies potential from the La Porte Healthcare Foundation:

Judy Dean presented info on the potential grant monies available from the recent sale/merger/acquisition of IU Health/ La Porte Hospital with Community Health Services (which also operate Porter Hospital)

The New Foundation is focusing on improving the health of the local community – which no doubt will include surrounding community members served by the Foundation.

Judy suggested that ICs look at the feasibility of submitting a grant regarding improved socialization, mental and emotional health with regards to cat ownership. Her request is based on the research finding from NIH and CDC and the recent adoption application reflecting a written prescription by a physician for the potential adoptive owner to adopt a cat/kitten for therapy.

Judy will send this info to Roberta for her consideration.

c. Good Life Awards: Judy Dean and Staci will attend and present ICS's pitch for a good Life Award. The event will be held on Thursday Aug 11th from 6 – 9 pm at the Blue Chip Casino and Spa in Michigan City, IN

d. Salary Increase: Carol Abshire discussed the potential to give raises to those ICS employees who meet the criteria. Employee's positions, & time in the positions was presented. All employee evaluations have been formally conducted. The written/signed evals are in the employees files. Carol is to submit her recommendations to the Finance Committee for consideration.

e. Additional ICS Event: Judy Dean will forward information on local Motorcycle Group which raises money for Community Service Agencies.

f. Vending machine for ICS: Judy Dean questioned if a Vending machine for outdoor use became available at a reasonable cost, would ICS be interested in purchasing such a unit. Staci accessed a website vending machine Company which leases soda vending machines to Non-profit agencies. Company is Nationwide (vending4pets.com). Staci to pursue further information – gave them a call and they don't usually work with facilities as small as ours, but they are supposed to be sending lease pricing and other information about how the program works.

g. Jocelyn asked if any young volunteers had offered to help at the Regional Cat Fanciers Judging Convention in August, 2016. Judy stated that none had responded to her. Jocelyn and Marti Rukavina will be finalizing the rotation of volunteers for the various event activities.

3. Open Discussion

A. Jocelyn requested that the October meeting be held on October 10th due to the limited time frame of the September labor day date. Judy Dean suggested the ICS Board meeting dates be identified for the entire year of 2017 – keeping the 1st Monday of the Month but re-arranging dates as needed by formulating the calendar December of 2016.

4. Adjournment: 7: 30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Dean

Judith Dean, ICS Board Recording Secretary