



Independent Cat Society
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 4, 2015, 6:00pm
Purdue North Central Room LSF60

1. **Call to Order**
 1. Welcome and President's remarks
2. **Consent Agenda**
 1. **Approval of reports and minutes**
 1. 4-6-15 Meeting - motioned and seconded - pass
 2. **Review of month of email motions and acceptance**
 1. none
 3. **Approval of Committee Reports (all reports in full will be available with meeting minutes online) - all approved**
 1. Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report (Natalie Cebulski)
 2. PR and Communications (Dorothy Ripperdan)
 3. Fundraising (Lori Hlinsky) - no report
 4. Health and Wellness (Carol Abshire/Paulette Gonzalez) - no report
 5. Volunteers (Judy Dean/Diana Foster)
 6. Membership (Kathy Nielsen) - no report
 7. Foster Care (Diane Buche)
 8. Adoptions (Joan Hildebrand/Roberta Jocius)
 9. Admission (Paulette Gonzalez)
 10. TNR (Connie Szawara) - no report
 11. Human Resources (Susan Contri) - no report
 12. Technology (Staci Trekles) - no report
 13. Sponsor-A-Cat (Carol Abshire) - no report
 14. Grants (Roberta Jocius) - no report
 4. **Announcements and items for information**
3. **Action Agenda**
 1. **Old business**
 1. Security cameras
 1. Quote received from Martin Security (they provide our alarm system) for \$3360 - includes 8 hi-def cameras, 3 outside, 3 in shelter, 2 in the gift shop
 2. Debate on whether the board feels this is something that is needed; respect for our property and security of the staff and of our things are a big concern - routine thefts over the years has been of constant discussion and concern. Also concerned about cats that are getting dumped off and being able to track them
 3. Another possibility is to have medicators work in pairs in the evening - will they be able to come in for only a couple of hours, however?
 4. Still trouble with medicators not locking medication cabinets - suggested that repercussions will be had if they are not locked; board to write a letter
 5. Biggest concern is cost - will wait to get Treasurer's take on costs and get a second quote
 6. Could the money for this come from building fund?
 7. Return in a month to take a vote
 2. PNC internship completion and update on summer intern
 1. Alicia has finished her internship in the English program; has developed some great stuff including foster care manual, grants work, letters, website work - thanks Alicia!
 2. Micaela will be our new intern (from Psychology) in summer - will be working on an employee and volunteer wellness program; also suggested to work on a psychological profile of the typical adopter and what they need and how we could meet their needs
 3. Building committee update

1. Visited TreeHouse in Chicago – brought back some information about some of the things this shelter does; working on limiting their population and increasing adoptions, had 342 adoptions to date; strong public relations, has a great idea of having a “number flip” and photo op every time a cat gets adoptions
2. Another idea is to collect stories and share with others about adoptions successes
3. TreeHouse noted that they reduced their population by 2/3 and increased adoptions four-fold – allowed for adopters to work with them, staff to work with them, health to be monitored easier, less vet bills, easier on volunteers and staff to clean and care for them
4. Had a volunteer appreciation “board” and event
5. Cleaned boxes 2x daily
6. Committee feels they are ready to take the next step to get visuals of options for new building designs; will work on basic planning
4. Assisted spay/neuter program update
 1. Judy provided an updated ASN voucher form; vet sets the price, time limit of 90 days has been added, other legal information not necessary for owned cats has been removed
 2. Form will not replace the form from Westchester as they have their own form
 3. Additional process issues have to be worked out about how people pay for and use the ASN voucher
 4. Gail, Roberta, and Marti will be contacting vets on the list Judy has put together to find out if they would be interested in joining the ASN program
5. Linda Harper workshop
 1. Diane will talk to Linda Harper about a final date and time
 2. We could charge participants for the price of books
 3. Roberta is looking for grants to sponsor the speaker
6. Budget – vet care update from Cat Care - tabled
7. Weather emergencies procedures ad hoc committee report - tabled
8. Vacant storefront to showcase adoptable cats (Judy D.) - tabled
9. Crash cart/IV Stand table (Judy D.) – tabled, recommended to be removed as we may not need it anymore
2. **New Business**
 1. none
3. **Open Discussion**
 1. When was the last time the fire extinguishers were checked? There is a company that can come out to check the extinguishers – K Tool and Fire in LaPorte will be able to come out; will also check the dryer line for excess
 2. Further concern about age discrimination regarding adopting cats; incident happened this Saturday – needs to be addressed again

4. **Adjournment**