

ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013

Attendees: Lynn Alexander; Robin Carey; Kris Cassar; Donna Cloutier; Renee Gardner; Kathryn Kringsman; Karen Marrotte; Ed Miltner; Suzanne Nika; Jill Olejniczak; Ernie Simo; Jim Slupatchuk; Danielle Van Doren; Sara Vokes.

The meeting began at 7:35 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from our last meeting (November, 2012) were accepted as written.

President's Report - Danielle Van Doren

- Danielle began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
- Membership to AWS is \$20/year per person
- Congratulations to Renee for 20 years of community service.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- No new information on the 2013 conferences. Until we have more details as to the cost we will not be able to apply for any grants to cover the expenses.
- Diane has received three gently used purses from the Woodbury Thift Shop

Director, Marketing and Public Relations - Jill Olejniczak

- Jill has received new purses from Vince Camuto. Last year, Sue Kelley got laptop bags. They were very well received and we will try to get more this year.
- Sue Kelley will be doing the Valentine's Day Cat Adoption again this year. The date is Sunday, February 10, from noon until 2:00 pm. Donations of baked goods are always welcome. This year it was mentioned that perhaps we should list the ingredients, i.e. nuts, gluten, etc, on the baked items.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
 - All of the exterior lights have been fixed or replaced.
 - The fence is now repaired from the car accident a few months ago.

- The Trap and Release (TNR) for feral cats is ongoing. We have a couple of new sites this spring. We are hopeful to trap these cats before kitten season arrives. Help is always needed for this important endeavor.
- The shelter count as of December 31, 2012

	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>
Adopted	15	33
Taken In	3	21
Foster	2	1
In House	15	56

Education - Kris Cassar

- Kris will be giving a presentation to Daisy Scouts on Sunday, January 20, 2013, at 2:00 pm. On November 29, Kris spoke to the Brownies in Brookfield and on December 14, there was a charity collection at St. Joseph's in Brookfield.
- Kris is presuing "I Library" with the New Milford Library. This is a program where children can read to dogs. More information on this at the next meeting.

New Business

- Danielle spoke about "I Companions" calendar from Ashford, CT. The public is invited to sit with their pet and a photographer and submit their photo for the calendar. Voting for the best photo is done through Paypal for the fee of \$1. The picture with the most votes will make the cover of the calendar, the next will be featured in January and the next in February, etc. This could be a big fundraiser for the shelter. Donna Cloutier and Janet Childs would like to work on this project.
- We would like to have direct mailings for all the town that are covered by AWS. We would also like to have an event take place in each of these towns.
- Capital Building Campaign - Danielle would like to raise money to expand the shelter or at least have some upgrades, i.e., the quarantine area needs a new HVAC system and an area where dogs can be introduced (family members meets new adoptee). Kathryn Krigsman would like to head this committee.
- We would like to have new forms for sponsoring a pet; one for cats and one for dogs.
- We would like to have a dog video to place on our website. This could start as early as next month.
- Also return your ink cartridges to Staples and receive a \$20/coupon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Marrotte