

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 8, 2013**

Attendees: Janet Bloch; Kris Cassar; Donna Clautier; Renee Gardner; Karen R. Lubensky; Karen Marrotte; Jill Olejniczak; Diane Saraceni; Michael Savoy; Michelle Scott; Ernie Simo; Danielle Van Doren

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- A correction was made to the March Minutes. Under the President's Report, third bullet, the minutes should read, "We presently have \$96,000 in a savings account that is accessible right now."
- The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Our Accountant, Kevin Dumas is presently reviewing our fourth quarter 2012 books and will be filing our 2012 taxes.
- We are looking into having an audit done before new Trustees can be found. It will look better if we have a current audit. The last audit was three years ago.
- A new Resolution has been filed with our bank which states that three out of the four Board of Director members must sign before a withdrawal can be made from the account.

President's Report - Danielle Van Doren

- Danielle introduced Michael "MJ" Savoy as our new Director of Fundraising. The Board passed a motion that we waive the 30 day waiting period as this position has been vacant since January. The Board agreed. MJ has worked with several non profits including Paint the People and Relay for Life. He has also served on the Board of his condo association. MJ has also adopted a cat from AWS 15 years ago.
- After we received the books back from our accountant, we can look into adjusting the budget.
- Sue Kelley is working on the current newsletter. The theme will be Pets As

Companions.

- We will start painting the interior of the shelter tomorrow (April 9). The Gould Grant that we received earlier this year will pay for the labor. Andy Hyrib, our handyman, will be doing all the painting and will work around Renee's schedule. Home Depot has donated 5 gallons of paint.
- Maddie's Fund is a national event that will be held on June 1-2, 2013. The shelter will be open that weekend from 10 am until 4 pm. We have a good chance to make money on the adoptions during May ending on June 2. We will have a banner made and ads will be placed on TV and radio.
- The Litchfield Pet Supply would like us to bring a dog down to the store to promote the shelter.
- Thermometer sign to announce raising the roof for our new expansion is in the works. They should be ready soon.
- We are looking for volunteers for our Trap and Neuter program. If anyone has time during the day, we would appreciate your help.
- Janet Bloch has volunteered to work on our Foster Program protocol. We have a grant in the amount of \$3,200.
- We also need volunteers for our Dog Days event in September and the June tag sale.
- Jill has offered her services for working on the front gardens.
- The plans for the 2014 calendar are coming together. Watch our website for dates and times for pet photos. Donna Coultier, photographer, will have three different dates and different locations starting with May 18 at Lover's Leap. There is a \$25 sitting fee. Voting for your favorite photo will take place in July. There is a \$1 fee to vote.

Vice Presiden't Report - Diane Saraceni

- Diane has applied for another painting grant in the amount of \$1,500.
- She is also looking for grants to help pay for medical expenses.
- Diane mentioned that in the fall it would be nice to have an afternoon cocktail party with gift baskets and a silent auction. Stay tuned for more information.
- Renee Gardner and Danielle Van Doren will be attending a conference on Goat Island in Rhode Island. A grant will pay for the conference fee and three nights.

Director, Marketing and Public Relations - Jill Olejniczak

- A donation bucket will be placed at Big Lots with a wish list.
- Watch our website and newsletter for upcoming information regarding Maddie's Fund and events

Shelter manager - Renee Gardner

- Animal Report as of March 31, 2013

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In House	38	13
Foster	1	2
New	6	1
Placed	6	4

Education - Kris Cassar

- On April 1, Kris had a reading program at Hill and Plain School in New Milford.
- Kris has contacted Sue Ford at the New Milford Library about a summer program.
- Kris still has not gotten a response from the Northville School.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Marrotte