ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 13, 2013

Attendees: Jocelyn Basto; Janet Bloch; Kris Cassar; Janet Childs; Donna Cloutier; Renee Gardner; Lauren Hamad; Tara Llewellyn; Kelsey Lord; 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 7:45 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- Two minor corrections were made to the April minutes
- The minutes were then accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Our 990 tax form for the 2012 State and Federal taxes was mailed today. A copy will be available to everyone within the next week.
- Michelle sent the information for the 4Q 2012 to the accountant. She is now working on the 1Q 2013 expenses.
- The Summary report was passed to the attending members without questions.
- A motion was made to accept the financials. Motion passed.

President's Report - Danielle Van Doren

- The shelter staff was present at the meeting and Danielle introduced all of them.
- Maddie's Fund will be the weekend of June 1-2, 2013. Besides the adoption fees, Maddie also offers:
    - 90% staff,
    - free micochipping
    - a free Pet Key computer
    - software called Pet Key (approved by Cat Fancy and ASPCA)
    - Free adoptions for the month of May through June 2.
    - Maddie's asked for updated photos of adoptees for a Facebook press release;
    - Maddie's Fund will pay $1,000 for kittens and puppies under 8 weeks of

age.

- The newsletter will be going out this week and will include an envelope inside for membership dues, contributions, etc.
- The shelter is painted. Our handyman, Andy, did an awesome job working around the staff, animals and visitors to the shelter.
- When you read the financials for the month of May, it may say $0.00. The adoption money from Maddie's Fund will be coming down the road after all the paperwork is submitted. We should see how much our efforts brought in by the end of June.
- There is a walking project at Sarah Noble school on May 21, 5:00 - 7:00. Danielle will be going to the event to talk about adopting a dog and how they can help get you out there walking.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- Diane continues to look for grants. She is presently looking for a grant that will cover the rest of the painting expenses and also she is looking for one to cover medical expenses.
- Diane has been looking into a cocktail party fundraiser for the fall. We have agreed to pursue this further. Diane will have three proposals by the June meeting.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance -
    - There is a leak in the furnace room. We have called the plumber and are awaiting parts.
    - The painting is complete and the shelter looks great. Hoping that this paint job will last as long as the last (22 years).
    - The animal count as of April 30, 2013

	Cats	Dogs
In House	51	14
Taken In	33	16
Adopted	20	8
Foster Care	10 Kittens, 2 Cats	3

Director of Public Relations and Marketing - Jill Olejniczak

- Jill will have 100 flyers for the Maddie's Fund event. Please come and pick up some flyers for your town or place of work. All of the press releases are done.
- Karen Lubensky has a great saying. "If you cannot adopt, foster. If you cannot foster, sponsor". This will be for the sign on the front of the building. We can go up to four colors.

- Jill has placed a bin in Big Lots. Unfortunately, apparently shoppers have been helping themselves to cans of food. Jill will try to make an adjustment to the bin.
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Director of Fundraising - MJ Savoy

- Maddie's Fund will have a luau theme. In addition to food, MJ has arranged for music; jewelry vendor ($5.00 or less); bake sale; photographer. Also a representative from Retired Service Dogs in New Haven will be joining us.
- On May 19, it will be Volunteer Appreciation Day from 1:00 - 3:00 at the shelter.
- On Friday, August 2, there will be "Bowl for the Animals" at Lore's Lanes from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The cost is $15/person or $50/four people. Twenty lanes are already spoken for. Everything else is free for the evening (shoes, etc).
- MJ is working on something similar in Brookfield Lanes in the spring, 2014.
- MJ is investigating some of the local restaurants that will give a percentage of sales to the shelter.

Education - Kris Cassar

- On May 19, the Daisy Scouts (6-7 year olds) will be visited by Kris and her Red Rover program.
- Unfortunately, Kris will be relocating to Delaware as soon as her house closes. We will miss you Kris. Anyone interested in taking over the Red Rover Program, please give Kris a call or contact her through the shelter.

Unfinished Business

- Photos for the 2014 calendar will be taken on May 18, at Lover's Leap in New Milford. On June 1, at the shelter and on June 23, at Candlewood Animal Hospital. The indoor photo session is scheduled for cats. The room can be designed to look like a studio setting.
- Voting will take place July 1-31. It will be linked to our website. You can vote on-line through PayPal or at the shelter with cash or check.
- AWS sign at the shopping center. Renee will follow up with Mrs. Feldman and MJ will make a contact at the shopping center.

New Business

- James has been wonderful putting the pictures up on our website. Is there an easier way that we could do this? We would like people to stay on our website and not go to Pet Finders. We have lots of good information on our site. Perhaps we can add a Happy Tails page to our website. Danielle will talk to James to see if this is possible.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectively Submitted by:

Karen Marrotte