

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

Attendees: S. Armstrong; J. Bloch; A. Gantert; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; D. Saraceni; M. Scott; E. Simo

The meeting began at 7:35 pm

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from the October 13 meeting were accepted as written

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Looking at the Year-To-Date on the Profit & Loss statement, it shows that we are at 99% of our income. It also shows that our expenses are at 106%.
- Michelle stated that it would be easier to answer questions regarding the financials if she had a laptop to bring to the meeting. The shelter computers do not have Quickbooks. A motion was passed to purchase a laptop.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- We have a lot of things going on this month. Janet, Karen and Amy were at the Harvest Festival in New Milford. AWS judged the Pet Parade sponsored by the Barkery Boutique. It was not an easy task and there were many clever costumes. We made \$500 in donations.
- Deb Armstrong has been selling the AWS calendar at the New Milford Farmers Market every Saturday. We still have several left, but they are going fast. The calendars sell for \$15/each.
- On Saturday, November 1, we will hold another Pet Thrift Shop. The first one was very successful for a few hours of work. If this one is as successful, we may open the barn on a monthly basis.
- The President's Letter and membership drive will be going in the mail by early November.
- We will be hosting our first Breakfast Meeting on Friday, October 17 from 7:30 - 9:00 am, at Candlewood Valley Country Club. Tiger will be attending. Thanks to Art Cummings and his team for all the hours they have put into this event.
- A Strategy Meeting will be held in early November with the Board of Trustees.

- Our next meeting on November 10, will be held at the New Milford Railroad Station starting at 7:30 pm. This is our Annual Meeting and we will be voting on the new budget for 2015. We will also be voting for the President, Secretary and Director of Fundraising positions. Janet Bloch and Karen Marrotte will be on the ballot.
- On Saturday, November 15, we will hold the Annual Holiday Bazaar at the New Milford Railroad Station. Robin Carey is the chairperson. Hope you will be able to attend. Bakers are welcome
- As usual there will be no December meeting due to the holidays. Our first 2015 meeting will be on January 12, at the shelter.
- Janet and Amy met with our web designer during the month. We would like to add some new categories, such as a donation link for medical expenses; a “in memory”
- section and a fundraising section. Stay tuned for these developing changes.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- On October 22, we will be at a Business Expo at the Candlewood Inn sponsored by the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce, from 4:00 - 7:30 pm.
- Our continuing search for grants is on-going. Most of the grants have been selected by the end of September. Most grants come in the amounts of \$500; \$1,000 or \$5,000. We need to be specific when asking for money and the funds need to be used in the year they are granted.
- On Friday, December 12, AWS will be at the Holiday in the Depot in Washington Depot. This is our only event in Washington. We had lots of interest last year. The event was attended by hundreds of people.
- Our search continues for a place to hold a wine tasting event. DiGrazia's Vineyard in Brookfield cannot accommodate more than 25 people. We will continue to pursue this over the winter months.
- 2015 will be our 50th Anniversary. We will be working on making our current events larger and maybe bringing in some new events.
- The cookbook will be revisited this winter after our Annual Meeting next month.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- We have had no maintenance issues this month.
- Shelter Report - September 30, 2014.

	Cats	Dogs
In House	69	30
Foster	7	2
Taken In	19	28
Adopted	18	24
Died		1 - Penny

Director, Public Relations and Marketing - Amy Gantert

- Amy has been looking at our website to familiarize herself with the different components. She wants to increase our membership and has met with our web designer to discuss a donation page.

Education Coordinator - Robin Carey

- Barbara Levitt is a retired teacher and will be helping Robin with the Red Rover program in schools. Together they have drafted a letter to be sent to all the local schools describing the program for grades 1-3.
- Robin has made a new display board that will be going to our events such as the Harvest Festival and the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Marrotte