

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Attendees: J. Bloch; R. Carey; A. Gantert; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; E. Miltner;
T. Miltner; D. Saraceni; M. Scott; E. Simo

The meeting began at 7:33 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from our August 10, 2015 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- In July we received a check in the amount of \$50,670, of which \$35,000 went into our Investment account and \$15,000 was held for the kennel construction project to correct the ice dams.
- Our budget for 2015 is on target. Our August reports shows that we are 126% YTD in our Income budget and 104% YTD in our Expense budget.
- The Treasurer's report was accepted.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- Janet met with the Board of Trustees and the subject of grants was approached. Tom Mulvihill mentioned that we may need a professional grant writer. Diane Saraceni and Tom will look into this further to see if this is something that would be worth our while.
- The Boards have been working on the 2016 budget. The proposed budget will be posted to our website 30 days before our Annual meeting in November.
- At our November meeting, we will also be holding elections. The open positions are for: Vice President; Treasurer; Director, Public Relations and Marketing; and Director, Fundraising. Diane Saraceni, Michelle Scott and Amy Gantert will be on the ballot. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please contact Janet.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- The Wine Tasting at the Hopkins Inn was the largest fundraiser ever hosted by Hopkins. A total of 89 people attended. Many people asked when will we do this again.
- The Tile Project will be ready within the next few weeks and the link to order a tile will be on the website.

Director, Public Relations and Marketing - Amy Gantert

- The following events are upcoming.
 - Pet Thrift Shop September 19
 - Dog Days September 26
 - Petco Adoption Weekend October 3-4
 - Breakfast October 23
 - Pet Thrift Shop October 17
- John Paul Koellner will be acting Volunteer Coordinator and will be looking for volunteers for our Petco weekend.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- The shelter report as of August 31, 2015.

| | <u>Cats</u> | <u>Dogs</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| In-House | 64 | 15 |
| Adopted | 30 | 17 |
| Taken In | 9 | 11 |
| Foster Care | 0 | 0 |
| Died | 2 | 0 |

- We are working on quotes for the kennel construction project.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Marrotte

