

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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**MAY 9, 2016
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Attendees: Deb Armstrong; Janet Bloch; Pam Booska; Amy Gantert; Karen Marrotte; Glenda Rynning; Michelle Scott

The meeting began at 7:45 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from our April 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Our portfolio has increased for the second month in a row.
- Our operating funds are tight at this time but we anticipate improvement in the next month.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- We have submitted a grant to help us with:
 - Fees for architectural proposal
 - Computer support and training
 - Consultant for fundraising
- The Pet Thrift Shop opened on May 14 and a good selection of inventory was sold.

Vice President's Report - Open

Director, Public Relations and Marketing - Amy Gantert

- Amy discussed the Give Local event. Here are some of the highlights
 - In 2015, we had 135 donations. In 2016, we had 148 donations.
 - We won the Housatonic Hustle prize of \$1,000.
 - We received \$1,400 in checks in addition to PayPal

- 16 people were first time donors
- As part of Give Local, the Community Fest that was held at Home Depot on the same day. The weather did not cooperate and the turnout was extremely low. If anyone has any feedback, please let Amy know.
- The clothing store in Washington Depot, J. McLaughlin, will be donating 15% of their sales on June 9, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The name of the event is "Sip and Stroll".
- Also, Patricia Gifts in Ridgefield will be doing something similar later in the year.
- Thank everyone that helped with the Give Local event.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance - there were no maintenance issues this month.

Renee was not able to attend the meeting. Statistics will be reported next month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Karen Marrotte