

HSMC Member Meeting Minutes November 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:00

Present: Brenda Gardner, Hazel Bellinger, Sally Cull, Tina Nutt, Jim Nutt, Cathy Gatto, Molly Robbers, Stephanie Martin, Josh Parsons, Corie Parsons, Kim Smith.

Brenda Gardner, Vice President presiding in Lynn's (excused) absence.

October Meeting Minutes: unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 30, 2017, we have \$181,225.66 in checking and savings. attendance. Hazel has asked for a debit card to be used for the foster program, and it was decided (unanimously) to approve her request. This will go into effect once she types the minutes from this meeting (to be presented to Peninsula Community Credit Union along with the debit application). Rhonda Robe has volunteered to take over the Treasurer's duties until Barb recuperates.

Spay/Neuter Report: As of 09/30/17, we have \$1508.00 in the account, with 38 pending vouchers. Sam has already updated our Facebook account to include information on the S/N program and Lee will be asked to update our website asap.

Shelter Update: The well documents have been endorsed and mailed to the county public works department for approval and we are waiting for that approval now. Brenda is soliciting estimates from three Mason County contractors for the land clearing, septic installation and burying of temporary electrical wiring. So far, one contractor has responded enthusiastically, the other two have still not submitted their bids.

Newsletter Update: Jodene questioned the need for a newsletter since the same information that is being shared on our Facebook page would also be the contents of a newsletter. Discussion followed, and the Board agreed there are still people in the community who don't follow us on Facebook. Considering the recent interest in holding more fund raising events, a newsletter was deemed a necessity. Sam Steck volunteered to take over the newsletter.

Santa Paws Update: Mini Flyers advertising *Santa Paws* have been printed and will be distributed this coming Wednesday (November 1st) at McClendon's "*Ladies Night Out*". Blanche has been authorized to purchase more white envelopes and is currently looking for Christmas bags to hold the photos. Distribution of the photos will be done at Blanche's house and volunteers were solicited to assist with this project. Cathy Gatto is handling the advertising and will be checking with the local storage unit who has a reader board, Casper's, Peninsula Top Soil (reader board), Mitchell Lumber and the Chamber of Commerce. She already has the advertisement on the Coffee Stand at #106 and Old Belfair Hwy. We are also ordering 2-300 tiny boxes and stickers with our HSMC logo to be used for Santa Paws and for the gift certificates at Sail's & Tail's.

Yappy Hour: Held at Bent Bine Brewery on October 20, and attended by volunteers and Board members, a list of possible fund raising events was developed. No idea was deemed too "out there" to consider. Sam had assured everyone that submitting an idea didn't automatically make you the chairperson, so it was a free flowing idea fest. Sam provided pizza and Bent Bine dispensed flights of their current libations.

Muttley Brewfest: took place on Friday the 13th and was enjoyed by all who attended. We netted \$1508 for the building fund. Bent Bine acknowledged it was their largest crowd on a Friday night since they opened, and they've offered to host another event with us. Sam and Hazel will co-chair and it will be in February, hopefully around Valentine's Day.

Shelton Library hosted a public forum to discuss animal rescue in Mason County on October 17th. with Brenda, Tina and Hazel attending. Kitten Rescue, Adopt A Pet, Concern for Animals, and Shelton Animal Control all participated in the discussion. It was an evening that encouraged sharing and camaraderie between the groups and provided information on the challenges of animal rescue to the community at large. Those who attended have discussed doing this in the future with more pre-advertising to garner more public interest.

Edward Jones hosted their monthly discussion at our office on October 26. Lynn spoke to the group about our programs and the need for more funds to continue our mission in Mason County.

Belfair Tree Lighting and Parade: discussed at earlier meetings and at the Member Meeting. So far, there hasn't been enough interest in participating to put this on our events calendar.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Post#4226 has once again deemed the Humane Society of Mason County worthy of receiving the fundraising dollars from their weekly Bingo events. They presented President Lynn Soderlund with a check for \$500 earmarked for our TNR program.

Sail's & Tail's: Yes, you read that right. Our first meeting for the *2018 Sails 'N Tails* will be December 5, 2017 at 5PM at JR's Hideaway. Sam will be checking to see if the Sounders will participate again this year and Jodene has volunteered to check with Holland America Cruise Lines to see if we can obtain the free trip again this year. There are time constraints on the application for the Holland America trip. Jodene has also volunteered to do the power point presentation at the event.

Grant Status: Lynn announced that we have just been awarded a \$2500 grant from the proposal submitted earlier this year to help fund our TNR Program.

"Give Local-Crowd Funding", a fund raising effort that exists on line from November 21 through December 13, 2017 was suggested as a means to garner additional funds for HSMC. Sign up must be completed by November 8, 2017 and a mandatory meeting discussing the event is being held November 3 at 9 AM in Olympia. In lieu of attending the meeting (no one available), Rhonda will be phoning to see if it's possible for us to participate.

Update on October 20 Yappy Hour:

Stephanie Martin has made the rounds of several of the businesses mentioned at the *Yappy Hour* event to inquire if they would be interested in working with us. So far, she has spoken to Kim at Casey's, Kelly at the Woodshed, HD's and Dog Days Brewery in Bremerton. HD's is offering a Spaghetti Dinner and raffle items, the Woodshed is talking in terms of \$1 a pint for every beer sold, and Casey's and Dog Days are considering what they can offer. She will be contacting JR's and the Union Deli in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00