

Humane Society of McDonough County
Monday, September 12, 2011,
5:30 pm
Room 108, Spoon River College
Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5: 38 pm.
- **Roll Call:** Kate Shattuck, Dawn Gray, Terri Hare, Kathy Chambers, Karen McCance, Shelly Palmer, and Bonnie Skripps were present.
- **August Minutes:** Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes with a minor change; Terri seconded. Minutes were approved.
- **Board and Committee Reports:**
 - President's Report* – Terri
 - Treasurer's Position* – John has resigned from the Board and his position as Treasurer. Terri has all reports and materials. The HSMC account has not been moved; it will remain at MidAmerica. The vote to move the account is thus null and void.
 - Kathy Fischer/hog confinement request:* In reference to the Shade Tree Mobile Home Park memo, Kathy Fischer suggested a local educational campaign on how our meat is raised (as related to the hog confinement issue). The Board agreed to suggest that she contact the local group, Environmental Concerned Citizens.
 - Form 990:* We have to do the 990E postcard each year by May 15th. There is a limit on income (\$25,000) for each year to avoid further reporting.
 - Kind News:* Terri sent a letter to the principals at Edison and Lincoln regarding the newsletter. Robin Russell wants it again. It was suggested that St. Paul and Calvary Baptist be contacted regarding their interest in the publication. We are now paying for one subscription.
 - Insurance:* No further investigation has been done to compare other insurance companies rates and policies. Our insurance is paid for this year.
 - MAP Adventure Crew (afterschool program):* Terri is going to Lincoln on September 26th to talk about the Humane Society.
 - Poster Route and Webmaster:* We need someone to distribute to the Shelter animal poster to businesses. Dawn offered to ask her mother about the route. Cara takes photos of the dogs and cats at the Shelter on Saturday and Monday. The photos are then sent to Amy Betz for Pet Finders and to Kate for the HSMC website. Megan Cramblett has been creating the poster. Cara has been doing photos every other month. We need another photographer to work with Cara.

Christmas Dinner: Monday, Dec. 5th or Tuesday, Dec. 6th Terri will check with Buffalo Wild Wings.

Vice President's Report – Dawn

Postal rates for mailers: hold until next month

Membership Report – Kate

August: 1 new student/senior membership; 1 renewed/sustaining membership

• **Events** – Shelly

Bark in the Park:

Sponsors: Currently Diamond Den, Matt McClure; Clugston Tibbitts (financial or treats and prizes) have agreed to contribute. Others will be sought.

Volunteers for staffing: So far we have Karen Sears, Jan and Bill Johnson (registration), Donna Gayer, Elisa Rasmussen all day; Kathy Chambers, and perhaps Estella Pledge.

Demonstrations: Arrangements have been made with the Canton K-9 Police to do a demonstration and with Danette Phelps for agility/obedience.

Tables: Nancy Chu: Canine companions for independence (CCI people); Farm King; ePITome; Zoology; Shelter table, and Karen Ye – Hope Therapy (dog).

Door prizes: Patti Nemeč is making 3 baskets.

Doggy cake walks: They will be held from 9:00-10:00.

Photographer: It was suggested that Bill Thompson be asked.

Promotion: Kathy reported that flyers and posters will be distributed. PSAs went to WIUM, Prestige Radio, Voice and Choice. Weekly ads and news coverage were further discussed.

• **Other Business:** Training on temperament testing will be arranged.

• **Next Meeting:** October 10, 2011

• **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.