

Dane County Humane Society
Annual Membership Meeting – June 28, 2023- 5:30 PM

Attendees: Dan Aiman, Joel Davidson, Cathy Holmes, Julie Fagan, Joy Cardin, Amy Manthey, Linn Roth, Maggie Premo, Laura Murray, Amy Johnson, Sara Colopy, Beth Jacobsen

Excused:

Staff: Pam McCloud Smith, Doug Brown, Sara Hoven, Sara Byerley, Laurie Ringquist, Caroline Wadington

OPEN BUSINESS

Call to Order: 5:31PM

Approve Past Minutes:

Motion to approve the June 29, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes by Dan Aiman. Second by Joel Davidson. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Laura Murray (President)
- Maggie Premo (Vice President)
- Cathy Holmes (Secretary)
- Amy Manthey (Treasurer)
- Amy Johnson
- Beth Jacobsen
- Linn Roth
- Dr. Julie Fagan
- Joel Davidson
- Joy Cardin
- Sara Colopy
- Dan Aiman

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Election was accomplished via in-person voting by DCHS members. DCHS Finance Committee members Amy Manthey and Sherri Voigt supervised the process. Four Board members are up for re-election this year.

- The Board recommended supporting the four board members who are seeking re-election.
 - **Joel Davidson**
 - **Maggie Premo**
 - **Linn Roth**
 - **Beth Jacobsen**
- Each current board member introduced themselves to the membership.

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- The Board President asked for nominations from the floor – none given; election positions were closed and ballot finalized.
- The polling instructions were given, noting that in order to vote, the voter must have been a member since March 29, 2023. The polls opened.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Changes were presented to the current DCHS By-laws by Cathy Holmes. The purpose of these changes was to allow the DCHS Board of Directors to conduct business without requiring unanimous consent when conducting business without an in-person meeting, but rather requiring two-thirds consent. Changes were identified in a handout and included:

- A minimum of a 24-hour notice of the need for consent
- Consent must be accomplished in writing
- Signed by two-thirds of the Directors in office
- Signature may be electronic

4.14 Consent without Meeting. Any action required or permitted by the Society's Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or any provision of law to be taken by the Board or any committee thereof at a meeting or by resolution may be taken without a meeting if (a) all Directors then in office are given notice of the text of the written consent and of its effective date and time at least twenty-four (24) hours prior the effective date and time (during such time a Director may change his/her vote) unless exigent circumstances require otherwise and (b) a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, with respect to an action by the Board, shall be signed by two-thirds of the disinterested Directors then in office or, with respect to an action by a committee, signed by all members of such committee entitled to vote with respect to such action. For purposes of this section, a signature may be in writing or by execution of an electronic signature.

Cathy Holmes moved to approve the By-law changes as proposed. Second by Maggie Premo. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM STAFF

Pam McCloud Smith, Executive Director, was introduced. Other senior staff include:

- Doug Brown, Assistant Executive Director
- Sara Hoven, Accountant – Accountant and Facilities Director
- Sarah Byerley – Director of Animal Operations
- Laurie Ringquist – Director of Customer Service
- Caroline Wadington – Administrative Assistant
- Amy Good – Development and Marketing Director (not attending due to work travel)

2022 – 2023 UPDATES

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An overview of 2022 DCHS Operations was given, using various slides for viewing by the audience.

- DCHS remains Open Admission shelter with a commitment to lifesaving efforts
- 10% increase in in-take
- Increase in adoptions by 15% in 2022
- A review of overall operations followed
- 20th anniversary of the Wildlife Program
- 20th anniversary of FIT (Felines In Treatment for Ringworm)
- East Side Thrift store in planning
- Volunteer hours of 83,973 equivalent of 40 FTEs
- Toto's Gala and Bark and Wine were highly successful

Many other animal operations updates were reviewed and celebrated. Much success was seen in all areas of DCHS Operations.

DINNER BREAK 6:30PM – 7:10PM

Polls closed at 7:15PM

STAFF & VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTATION

Linn Roth and Jean Martinelli Quality of Service Excellence Award was announced. Recipient for 2022 is Celest Alves

Staff Recognition Awards (years of service)
Twenty years – Doug Bown, Joan Johnson
Twenty-five years – Sara Hoven
Volunteer Recognition Awards (hours of service)
Other Annual Awards
Rufus Award – Cannoli the dog

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Laura Murray announced that official election results show Joel Davidson, Maggie Premo, Linn Roth and Beth Jacobsen were re-elected.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was officially adjourned at 8:05PM

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Respectfully Submitted By,

Cathy Holmes
DCHS Board Secretary

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