

**The Dane County Humane Society**  
Board of Directors Meeting – May 18, 2021 11:00 a.m.

**Attendees:** Joe Goode, Joel Davidson, Cathy Holmes, Julie Fagan, Mark Knipfer, Laura Murray, Shirley Crocker, Joy Cardin, Amy Johnson, Maggie Premo, Sara Colopy, Lilly Bickers

**Excused:** None

**Guests:** Amy Manthey

**Staff:** Pam McCloud Smith, Amy Good, Doug Brown

Note – This entire meeting occurred using video and/or phone conferencing.

1. Call to Order
  - a. Called to order at 11:03AM
  - b. Approve April 20, 2021 meeting minutes
    - i. **Motion to approve minutes by Joy Cardin.** Second by Julie Fagan.  
**Motion carried.**
2. Regular Updates
  - a. Executive Director
    - i. See Report
    - ii. All other updates to be done in closed session
  - b. Animal Statistics – Doug
    - i. See report
    - ii. April 2021 transfers were similar to 2018 transfer numbers, and only slightly less than 2019
      1. On track, ramping up incoming transfers
      2. Looking for more cats to transfer in
  - c. Development Update – Amy
    - i. See report
    - ii. Results are strong and looking good through March
    - iii. Best ever Help me Heal fund-raiser with over \$25,000
    - iv. Excellent coverage to the release of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo
    - v. Donor appreciation scheduled for 5/26 at 6PM, actual 100 year anniversary
  - d. Financial Report – Cathy
    - i. Continue to look good
    - ii. Recently received PPP funds, added to Balance Sheet
3. Old Business
  - a. Diversity Committee Update
    - i. Board committee moving forward drafting Goals and Charter based on Board needs and plans
    - ii. Operational committee goals will need to be aligned under Board Goals

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1. Will be developed by Operational Committee then reviewed for alignment with Board goals
    - iii. Amy Johnson is working to set up meeting with committee to begin discussion of Charter and Goals
  - b. Wolf Hunting Initiative
    - i. DNR board is completely politicized by this issue
    - ii. Joel contacted Erpenbach multiple times asking him to ask for AG opinion on conflict regarding use of dogs when hunting wolves
      1. No response yet
      2. Will attempt to contact via different channel
    - iii. Should this issue of dogs in wolf hunting violating no dog fighting be publicized to DCHS membership?
      1. General discussion ended leaving this with Pam to discuss further with staff for their opinion
  - c. Annual Meeting and Director Renewals
    - i. Annual Meeting, via Zoom, June 30<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Lilly Bickers stepping down, Shirley Crocker retiring
    - iii. Sara Colopy, Mark Knipfer and Julie Fagan are running again for another term
    - iv. Amy Manthey of the DCHS Finance Committee will oversee the balloting
  - d. Open Board Seats
    - i. Cathy introduced Amy Manthey.
    - ii. Background information on Amy covered
    - iii. Amy is considering a board position, but has not yet decided
4. New Business
  - a. Andy Burish Developments
    - i. Mark Knipfer reviewed the story regarding the complaint filed against Andy Burish
    - ii. Not picked up by any local media at this time
    - iii. DCHS IPS needs updating to address this type of issue in the future
    - iv. Important to protect the DCHS brand and image
    - v. Mark Knipfer, Cathy Holmes and Pam Smith are meeting with UBS on Thursday, May20, 2021 to receive an update on this issue from UBS
  - b. Regular RFI process
    - i. Discussed that DCHS should implement a regular, recurring RFI process to ensure we are getting the best from our financial advisor always
    - ii. DCHS Finance Committee could handle responsibility for RFI process
5. Committee Activity
  - a. Finance - covered
  - b. Philanthropy - none
  - c. Nominating - covered
  - d. Board Operations - none
  - e. Legislative - covered
6. Adjourn to Closed Session
  - a. Meeting was adjourned at 12:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Cathy Holmes  
**Board Secretary**