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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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February 18, 2025

Present: Marilyn Vailette, Gretchen Dale, Melodie O'Connor, Bernice McKay, John Dendas, Laurie Van Wilgen

Absent: Eric Maas - He could not get his call through as no shelter wi-fi working.

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed, Bernice McKay made a motion to approve the minutes, John Dendas seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Endowment Report: Gretchen Dale gave an update on the DCAS Medical and Wellness Endowment. Currently the endowment, which was opened in October, has \$67,796.54. At 4:00 on the 18th Gretchen got an email from BCF that they had just received stock in the amount of \$5,000 from a donor the total is now \$72,796.54. Laura is working with Ellie on the next letter to go out in Mid- March and Gretchen and Laura will meet to get a plan to contact large donors personally and by personal letter to reach donors who will make larger donations via stocks, IRA, Wills etc.

Shelter Updates:

--Laura reviewed the current staffing which is 12 people most of whom are part time, Wendy, Pam, Dawn and Ellie and Laura are full time.

--The shelter now has a new cleaning man who works on his own. Larua and Wendy report that the new cleaning man doing a good job and are they are happy with him.

Fundraiser:

--The Home end fundraiser raised \$20,494

--Next fundraiser is Puppy Love at Lenny's on February 27. Marilyn commented that she had trouble with the Eventbrite site in getting her tickets. To date 30 tickets have been sold.

--St Patrick's Day sponsored by the Thimble Islands beer label will donate part of the proceeds to DCAS. They have asked that we have a float in the New Haven St Patrick's Day parade.

--Run To Remember will be held in April again this year

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dendas seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission

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