

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Animal Shelter Committee was held on Thursday February 18, 2010 at the Mahany/Meininger Center, Royal Oak, Michigan. Chairperson Reske called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT/EXCUSED
Chairperson	Ms. Reske	
	Ms. Krieger	
	Ms. Duggan	Excused at 8:00 PM
	Mayor Ellison	
	Mr. Godek	
	Ms. Hall, Shelter Mgr.	
	Dr. Nemeth	
	Ms. Soma	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer suggested that we have our own logo and gave several suggestions on what it might look like. She said she would investigate it further. It was moved by Ms Duggan and seconded by Ms Hall. The motion passed.

Jennifer reported that the USDA inspector said that all the floors in the shelter needed to be sealed. Mayor Ellison will check for floor sealers and research the product. We need to find somewhere to house the animals while it is done. The inspector will return in 3 to 4 months.

A suggestion was made to put a time limit on returning animals after adoption. This will be looked in to and reported on later.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2010

Moved by Ms. Duggan and seconded by Ms Hall and motion passes.

ADOPTION POLICY

Ms Duggan distributed the proposed policy she had prepared after the research she had done around the State.

Suggestions were made by other members. Ms Hall suggested that people must be 21 years of age to adopt. It was suggested that we remove a gift as a reason for adoption. It was suggested that we clarify the reasons for adopting. There was much discussion and Ms Duggan will rework the proposed policy. Ms Hall gave Ms Duggan one of the shelter's applications.

Jennifer discussed the declawing of cats and letting them outside. She also discussed the reasons why adoptions were denied in the past. She said 86% who apply for adoption are approved but not all of these follow through and adopt.

The Mayor felt the purpose of the shelter is to rescue animal and adopt them out to good homes. He suggested that we not allow adoption if it will be an outside cat, and that we suggest that kittens not be declawed and that we prohibit adoption for cats 6 months or older that people want to declaw.

A suggestion was made to increase the exposure of our animals to the public to increase adoptions.

The Mayor highlighted that we are a municipal animal shelter.

It was recommended that our policy be looked over by the Police Department

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NEW BUSINESS

None

SHELTER REPORT

Ms. Hall reported the following adoptions:

1 Dog 7Cats

SHELTER FINANCIALS

None

ACORN FOUNDATION

It was stated that we must give the City Clerk Ms Duggan's name as our representative.

MI PET FUND ALLIANCE

Mr Godek gave a report. He said that no more spay vouchers will be issued and he will see if he can find any that have not been used. He also brought a flyer on low income spay and neutering.

FUNDRAISING/CHARITY EVENTS

We have the application for R.O. in Bloom

We have the application for Arts, Eats, and Beats. It was moved by Mr. Godek and seconded by Ms Hall that we send in the application for the beer tent first and the liquor tent second. The motion passed.

We will look in to the Garage Sale and City Fest events and bring the information back to the group.

Lisa suggested that we need a table and sign and more things with our logo and address and telephone number to get our name out in the public eyes. It also would be very helpful at fund raising events.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Lisa is working on finding out the locations of our donation jars. If anyone knows where one is please let her know. We will also need to set up a program for collecting the money from these jars.

NEXT MEETING

March 18th, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The Royal Oak Animal Shelter Committee meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM
Moved by Ms Hall
Supported by Mr Godek
The motion was adopted unanimously.

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