

August Board Minutes
August 14th, 2022

Not sure what time the meeting was called to order, as I joined at 5:15, thinking the meeting was at 6pm

FINANCIALS: Rob reported that we are in pretty good shape, with \$111k in the bank. There is an anomaly on the adoption line item, he will look into it. Nancy is no longer doing the bookkeeping for CRAN, now it is Marci Seghetti. Rob invited us to email in any questions about the finances, because it's a lot to absorb in just one sitting.

VOLUNTEERS: Avery is looking to fill a few high profile roles immediately, at TLC and a lead for the North Petsmart cattery. Avery said she has a lot of applications in her queue. Karrin Jackson requested an adoption counselor for finalizing at the catteries. She also reported we have 2 new volunteers who will help with data entry, this should help clean up all the data and keep it cleaned up moving forward.

The Winter Event will be some time during the first week of December. She is looking at doing something a little different from previous years, like catering instead of a potluck.

STATISTICS: Lillian shared we did lots of intakes in June and July. Adoptions were up over last year this July, and we also did a lot of spays and neuters even with limited services (like WAG closing down for a month). In July we did 48 regular spay/neuter surgeries and 28 TNR with the Ebony Fund. Our partner vets really stepped up to squeeze in extra surgeries so we wouldn't get so far behind during WAG's hiatus. McKenzie continues to do neuters for us every month, and both Q Street and Santa Clara have helped with extra slots as well.

FUNDRAISING: still no lead for this department, but Lillian shared that the calendar contest is not getting much traffic despite being advertised multiple times over the summer on our social media outlets (3 times per week). She asked those in attendance to share the post on their personal social media pages and ask for votes. Karrin offered to partner with Lillian to create a Twitter-friendly script that she would then post twice a week for us. We have made \$2900 so far on the calendar, and last year we made at least \$4000. Patti Hansen said she would ask folks on her FB page to vote for her cats for her birthday, and contribute to the cause that way.

Emily C reported that Crafts for Cats exceeded their \$1000 goal; they brought in \$2700 the day of and then the matching grant was another \$1000. So that was \$3700 to the Ebony Fund to help with feral TNR. Those who attended asked that we do it again next year. Emily asked for pics of captures and releases from the TNR folks, so she could share with results from the fundraiser on social media.

The Spring Campaign has raised \$15,500 so far. The CRAN Rummage Sale is set for Saturday, Sept 10 and Sunday, Sept 11 at TLC. Karrin asked for help staffing the sales, and mentioned that whatever doesn't get sold will be donated to a nonprofit like SARAs Treasures.

ADOPTIONS: Karrin still needs a finalizer who can go to the catteries, take care of payment and paperwork, etc. She mentioned she wants to have a meeting with the counselors to discuss Emotional Support Animal (ESA) letters and how they factor into the adoption process. We are trying to avoid trial adoptions and returns in that regard. She wants to make it a mandatory 2 week trial period for folks that present an ESA letter. She was asked to make a formal proposal to the Board.

MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA: Lyllian sent out the newsletter, featuring an article about not “kit”napping kittens and taking them from their moms just because you find them alone. It happens a lot in the summer. She created a form for people to use who want something published in the newsletter. In response to a question about the Cattery binders, Lyllian reported that the binders are updated for all cats over 1 year old every 2 weeks by a volunteer specifically assigned to that task.

FOSTER: Kim reported we have 106 active fosters right now. TLC and the waitlist are both full. CRAN had 433 cats in foster at the end of July.

SURRENDER TEAM: Sarah Nyburg reported that in all of 2021, CRAN had 573 surrender requests come in. This year, from January 1-August 13th, we already have 492 surrender requests coming in. In July of 2021 there were 50 requests; July 2022 we had 110.

TLC: Sarah asked for more help, there are 3 new volunteers being trained for basic cat care. The ringworm program is doing well, we currently have 14 kittens in treatment.

MEDICAL: Louanne mentioned we have had quite a few special needs cats recently. Nemo had to have a leg amputated because when she was born her umbilical cord was wrapped around her leg and cut off the circulation. FIP Warrior kitty West has completed FIP treatment. Marvel Kitten Falcon has had consultations for his heart defect, and it has been determined surgery is too risky so he is receiving palliative care.

OLD BUSINESS: The Code of Conduct was presented in the Board packet; once it is approved it will be forwarded to Team Leads and put in the Volunteer Handbook.

PETCO: Julie Mason shared that they have restricted our ability to let the cats out of the small condo for meet and greets or simply exercise. Julie reported that another rescue has already started putting cats there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cat Adoption Team: Lisa, Lyllian and Jean Harman went for a tour of CAT and visit with Executive Director Karen Green on Monday, August 15th. During that meeting we discussed how to move rescue organizations forward, capacity for care, volunteer recruitment, and general cat care and enrichment. More will be presented at a later session.

Louanne reported that the City of Eugene has a new Animal Service Officer who is focused on hoarding and abandonment situations. Lane County also has a new Animal Services Officer. Both new officers plan to explore the relationship Greenhill Humane Society has with the rescue community.

The meeting was ended at 6:47pm by Louanne, seconded by Kim.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Lundquist
CRAN Secretary