

## Community Animal Watch Committee Meeting

January 20, 2011

Attendees: Arlene Dolgon, Steve Urbach, Tianna Higgins, Jacqui Deveneau, Nancy Tate,  
Will Watson ACO, Linda Frechette, Kim Hatch

No introductions to make as everyone already knows one another.

Jacqui gives us the Treasurer's report as the account having \$605.26 currently in it.

The Committee members reviewed the food drive sheet made by Louise Reid. The original was written before the shelter contract was in place, and needs updating. This letter is to be used by the Members to approach stores and corporations seeking any pet food donations. It lets the recipient know that we are a sanctioned non-profit group.

In setting up the food drive, we discussed how to get the word out to those in need in Old Orchard Beach that we have pet food available. It will be posted on Channel 3 with Jacqui as the contact person.

The Methodist Church has offered space in the food pantry for us to use, but will not be distributing the pet food. Jacqui will be called in anyone wants to donate or is asking for assistance. If we need to pick up food donations from residences, we will do with two people for safety, as suggested by Will.

Jacqui will also contact the Salvation Army to see if they can offer us space. Tianna suggested that we see if the Salvation Army will distribute the pet food for us, having already established need in residents. Tianna will try to check with other pet food pantries to see how they manage and establish need.

The committee also discussed how to word a possible ad in the Courier for pet food donations.

Steve has updated our website to include 10 tabs. Someone asked if we can add and subtract lost and found cats on the website, like the emails that we receive currently when a cat has been found or one lost. Steve has stated that would be too time consuming to add and remove these, as sometimes we receive multiple lost/found notices in a week's time. We agreed that we should remove the Adopted tab from the website since the cats are being adopted out of the AWS shelter and no longer from the holding facility.

Steve will be updating the CAW brochure when he has a chance. Sherri MacDonald will be supplying Steve with a cost for a banner for the Committee. He will then approach the Rotary Club for funding for this item.

He will also be supplying us with the statement for the \$10 per month that the website is costing us.

Arlene took a cat in on Christmas that was unwell. The cat did not survive although the vet did her best to save him. Arlene footed the bill from her own money. Jacqui would like the Committee to pay Arlene some towards that bill.

Kim motioned that we pay Arlene \$100 towards the vet bill. Steve seconded the motion. Votes were all yea to pass the motion.

Nancy and Arlene have taken 18 cats from the Camp Ellis group and had them spayed or neutered and rereleased. Three more are to be trapped on Monday. There are four kittens currently being socialized who should be ready for adoption soon.

Foster homes are desperately needed for Friends of Feral Felines with kitten season quickly approaching. Please contact Tianna Higgins at FOFF if you are able to offer space and care to kittens.

Check the FOFF website to see the various fundraisers that they are offering at this time.

The Committee members, please come up with fundraising ideas for the next meeting that will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 6 pm at the OOB High School library.

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