

# La Plata County Humane Society Annual Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2022

- 1) The annual meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. in the presence of a quorum by President Susan Riches. Board members present were Patrick Parker, Reid Brubaker, Susan Pelis. Wendy Ludgewaite and Christine Imming were excused. Directors present were Chris Nelson, Candace Kane-Hedrick. Travis Woehrel (excused).
- 2) Cindy Christopher moved and Colleen Dunning seconded to approve the agenda.
- 3) Chris Nelson Moved and Colleen Dunning seconded to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2021.
- 4) President's Remarks:

The building renovation is well on its way. New roof and HVAC are close to completion. Shelter floors, paint and ceiling tile replacement will begin within the next few weeks. New kennels will be installed and operational at summer's end.

  - a) Estimated cost of renovations will be in excess of one million dollars. We are drawing down our reserves which will need to be replenished.
    - a. Treasurer's Report: Revenues were up over 2020 as well as expenses. At year end, we had a \$198,700 operating profit. LPCHS increased wages across the board to maintain quality staff, however staff shortages remain an ongoing problem.
- 5) Directors' Reports:
  - a. Chris Nelson:

Since 2019 the length of stay for our animals has doubled. As a result, our costs are higher, chances for illness increases. Adoption numbers are remaining the same. Maintaining adequate staff continues to be a problem. We will need the communities, help to foster and transfer dogs during the kennel renovation YTD animal intake of 1004.
  - b. Candace Kane-Hedrick:
  - c. In 2021 the Thrift Store exceeded \$1,000,000 in gross sales, generating \$700,000 in profit. The Store contributes 65% of Shelter revenue. Staff has worked double-duty along with the volunteers that are crucial to our success. Staffing issues continue to be challenging.
  - d. Jesse Heerdt (for Travis Woehrel):
  - e. Call volume for this year has almost doubled as Animal Protection has moved out of Covid protocols. Two new vehicles have been purchased to upgrade our aging fleet. A 6-month long cruelty case has finally been closed with LPCHS receiving full custody of the animal involved.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Following voting by the membership, Patrick Parker, Kim Kitchen and Mandie Frazier were elected to the Board of Directors.
- 7) Adjournment: Chris Nelson moved and Aidan Distasio seconded. Annual meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pelis