

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
April 29th, 2019**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Scott Greenwald
James Haywood
Michael O'Donnell

Others Present:

Cheri Weaver, Director, Animal Services
Robert Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
Ashley Jett, St. Clair County Adoption Center
Richie Meile, St. Clair County Board Member
Susan Gruberman, St. Clair County Board Member
Matt Smallheer, St. Clair County Board Member

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Trentman

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

The roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Gomric to approve the minutes of March 25th, 2019.
Second by Mr. Mosley

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Robert Trentman: Alright, we'll do public comment now. Please try to keep it to about two minutes. Sheila?

Sheila Ford replied: I just want to pass these out to the table. That's just something that they're doing in Detroit I wanted to share with you guys including pictures. I want to give a monthly summary of what the advocates have been doing. Since January, we helped twenty-two heartworm positive dogs. And raised over \$7,000. All but one has been pulled, but that changed today because we have new heartworm positive dogs. Advocates honored ACOs during ACO Appreciation Week. I don't know if you guys knew about that. We sent over pizza and bagels from Bread Co. So we hope they enjoyed those. This month we provided heartworm test kits for AC and we also received a donation of Clavamox from Zoetis. We're trying to work a solution with AC regarding the feeders and the occasional wounds on their faces. I did contact Mason Company but after it's all said and done, it would cost us \$72 per kennel. Julie had mentioned about welding and getting an estimate for that and I don't know where that is right now, so I just wanted to update you on that unless you've heard anything on the welding? Two long time dogs left AC this month. Gwen and Duke. Duke left this afternoon as a matter of fact and that was thanks to a collaborative effort of many people in organizations. Duke has gone straight to foster hopefully to adopt. So that's good. We will be hosting a rock and roll bingo on 10 May and we're hoping that the rescues we support and members of this committee will come out to rock and roll bingo and support what we do. Because what we do is provide vaccines for the animals at intake as well as treatments for the heartworm positive animals. Occasional medicines and the money raised from this fundraiser will allow us to start getting out into the community to provide assistance to pets and people in need. One of the first things we want to do is pop up microchip clinics. So I think we mentioned that last time, but I think we're getting closer. Speaking of microchips, Nashville Tennessee animal care and control Provided microchips to the public every Thursday from 10 am-3pm. For \$10 which includes registration on the spot so you don't have to depend on the person to do it. Is this something that AC can think about as far as doing chips for a couple of hours? If the chips are priced at or slightly higher than the cost to purchase the chips, then program becomes self-generating. This way we'll have more animals in the community that can be ID'd and can find their way home if they escape and become lost. Finally, I would like to thank AC and the webmaster for further expanding the usefulness and functionality of the animal services website. There is now a rescue transfer program tab. This tab displays all animals currently residing on the stray side and allows the community to search it for their lost pet and rescues to search for animals they may want to pull. The page is fluid function of chameleon which is interfaced with the county website. Overtime the page will display more information about each animal, so again, thank you for making this possible. If you can take a look at what they're doing in Detroit, that's a really fabulous idea further down the road, but as you can see, they're having tremendous success with it.

You can see from the pictures: families come with their children and get these dogs out for a day. And they have far more dogs than we'll ever see per day, when they say they have 200 per day for adoption. But apparently, it's working. I have a call in they're actually going to be calling me and tell me how they worked around all the loop holes: logistically and liability issues that we seem to run into here. I'll have more information about that, but I thought it was a really cool idea.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok, thank you.

Lonnie Mosley replied: Let me ask a question. What day is your rock and roll bingo?

Sheila replied: It is a week from this Friday on May the 10th. Doors open at 6pm.

Lonnie Mosley replied: Where's it at?

Sheila replied: It's at the O'fallon VFW Post 805. They've been very supportive of what we're doing. Rock and roll bingo starts at 7. It's where music trivia meets bingo and it should be a lot of fun.

Sara replied: It is fun. I've attended a couple with other organizations and you sing along with songs and figure out the song and put a bingo stamp.

Gillian replied: Our silent auction items, we have many, many beautiful items.

Shelia replied: Tito's Vodka has graciously donated a basket. The Cardinals have donated a basket. So we've got a lot of stuff to go with it as well as a booze wheel barrel raffle. That's good for a summer party or spring party or whatever you want to do with it.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok thank you. Anybody else?

Jamie replied: Yes. I just wanted to let everyone know we have the keys to our building. We started doing some renovations. It's the former Miles Davis School. 725 N. 15th St. East St. Louis. I'd love for anybody who wants to come do a walk through, I'll take you through and show you what our plans are and whatever you want. Just let me know. I don't have a date for opening yet, but we're working on it.

Sheila replied: Is there an update on the feeders, about the welding?

Cheri replied: They turned out pretty good. There are just two spots that need to be ground down. They picked them up today to take them back and if that works, then they're going to fix all of them.

Sheila replied: Thank you.

Sara replied: I was going to say I have seen some dogs with bowls. The one the other day was carrying it around.

Cheri replied: They even cut out about an inch and a half to make the area bigger. So it's still in the process.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok. Anybody else? Director reports, Cheri, what do you have?

Cheri replied: We had our pre-registration for the clinic. We hit our quota by about two in the afternoon. We have a few dog cages open right now. The cats are full. Our save rate is 95%.

Jamie replied: With open kennels, that's the key.

Robert Trentman replied: Are we seeing the owner surrenders not coming in as much? Or are they still bringing a few up there?

Cheri replied: They're bringing them. Of course, when they do and we're full, we go down the list of everybody they can try to contact.

Robert Trentman replied: Are we still trying to fill out the survey?

Cheri replied: That's on everyone that comes in.

Sara replied: Someone did contact us at Gateway that was referred from animal control. We're working with them.

Cheri replied: Did they? Good.

Sheila replied: Hopefully over time we can get some warm bodies to help out with that and work with the people who want to owner surrender. I know it's always been said that when they come to animal control their minds are made up, but all we can do is keep trying.

Robert Trentman replied: Ok good. It sounds like everything is going along good. Ashley what do you have?

Ashley replied. For the month of March we did 21 adoptions. For the month of April we have done 31 adoptions so far. We are busy, busy, busy. We have an adoption event where we are working with Bissell Pet Foundation. This weekend it's on the 4th of May. Basically, they sponsor everything but a \$25 adoption fee. So we're pretty excited about that. We've never done anything like that before so we're just trying to figure it out. They pay \$25 and Bissell will reimburse us actually a little bit more than what we charge for our adoption fee. It's nice. They're getting an incentive to participate in our program.

Robert Trentman replied: How are the volunteers? Are you getting many people coming down to walk the dogs?

Ashley replied: We have our steady group of people that come in. Every Monday, I can count on a specific five. And every Wednesday I can count on a specific two. And every Friday I can count on a specific three and then we had a lady sign up today who said “I was going to pick Thursdays, is that a good day?” and I told her that was perfect. We don’t have anybody that comes on Thursdays.

Robert Trentman replied: So we could use more volunteers if anyone is interested, right?

Ashley replied: Yes and we’re doing play groups when Julie’s got some time and we have some time in the morning if we get done cleaning early we’ve been doing play groups with our adoption center animals, the dogs. So that’s been fun. I’ve never done anything like that before, and so it’s nice to actually know what you’re telling people about these animals that they’re inquiring about. I can tell them, “Ok this dog is not good with smaller dogs, but it’s great with large dogs, or it’s not a fan of females, but loves males.” So it’s helping us.

Robert Trentman replied: So if anyone is interested, it’s kind of easy to volunteer. You just show up and get you a dog and go across the street and it runs around and it does all the work and there’s a little bench you can sit on. I’ve done it before. We’re looking for more volunteers to get those dogs out running around.

Ashley replied: Yes, there are three of us over there, so it’s really hard to do everything we have to do and then run a facility after 1pm and still have time for them.

Sheila replied: Are the volunteers doing playgroups?

Ashley replied: We don’t do playgroups with the volunteers. It’s just the employees. It’s usually about an hour every morning and we rotate them in. The most we’ve had was six and that was all that we could possibly do. The rest of them were females that have some issues, we’re trying to work through. We had six of them out there at one time and it was good.

Robert Trentman replied: So Jaime, when, what’s your time schedule on getting dogs? You still have your other facility?

Jaime replied: We do. I don’t have a time line yet. I’m working on that this week. I think we are finalizing floor plan now, but we may be talking about moving the animals over and some other things first. And we may end up having two phases.

I'll keep everybody up to date on all of that. It's just a big facility that is going to require a lot of money to put together and to run. We're trying to figure out the timeline of all of this.

Robert Trentman replied: If nobody has anything else to say, I need a motion on Cheri and Ashley's report:

MOTION by Mr. Gomric to approve the minutes of March 25th, 2019.

Second by Mr. Mosley

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

Robert Trentman replied: Anything else from anymore board members?

Sheila replied: Are you guys going to come to Rock and Roll Bingo or what? You're the committee, support us!

Robert Trentman replied: Rock and Roll Bingo, guys and ladies.

Steve Gomric replied: I have opening night at the Grizzlies, sorry. I won't be there.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gomric. Second by Mr. O'Donnell. Motion carried.

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 04/01/19 to 04/30/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	OWNER D	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	OTC OWN	3	7	0	0	10
	TOTAL	3	7	0	0	10
OWNER SUR	OTC	8	12	6	0	26
	TOTAL	8	12	6	0	26
STRAY	FIELD	1	21	0	3	25
	NIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
	OTC	38	46	21	5	110
	TOTAL	39	67	22	8	136
TOTAL		50	88	28	8	174

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 04/01/19 to 04/30/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	2	1	3	6
	WALKIN	1	5	5	1	12
	WEB	2	9	5	0	16
	TOTAL	3	16	11	4	34
DIED	IN KENNEL	1	0	3	0	4
	TOTAL	1	0	3	0	4
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	2	0	0	2
	BEHAV OBSV	0	3	0	0	3
	MEDICAL	3	7	1	0	11
	TOTAL	3	12	1	0	16
RELOCATE		3	9	11	5	28
	TOTAL	3	9	11	5	28
RTO	MICROCHIP	3	7	0	0	10
	PHONE	0	2	0	0	2
	TAG LIC	0	1	0	0	1
	WALKIN	0	11	0	0	11
	WEB	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	22	0	0	25
TRANSFER		21	32	19	0	72
	TOTAL	21	32	19	0	72
TOTAL		34	91	45	9	179

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 04/01/19 to 04/30/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	2	2	0	0	4
	CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	2	0	0	2
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	SUMMERFIE	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	7	0	0	10
OWNER SUR		0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	3	3	6	0	12
	CASEYVILLE	2	2	0	0	4
	CENTREVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	1	0	0	0	1
	NEW ATHEN	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	1	0	0	2
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	8	12	6	0	26
STRAY		0	1	0	0	1
	ALORTON	2	0	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	25	34	3	4	66
	CAHOKIA	0	10	0	2	12
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	9	0	10
	CENTREVIL	1	1	0	0	2
	COLUMBIA	1	0	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	2	0	0	2
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	EAST ST LO	0	10	0	0	10
	FAIRMONT C	1	0	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	5	2	0	0	7
	FREEBURG	1	0	4	0	5
	NEW ATHEN	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	2	2	2	0	6
	SHILOH	1	0	0	2	3
	SWANSEA	0	1	4	0	5
	TOTAL	39	67	22	8	136
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	CAHOKIA	0	0	0	1	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	1	2
	FREEBURG	1	0	2	0	3
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	0	0	2	2
	SWANSEA	0	0	4	0	4
	WASHINGTON	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	3	16	11	4	34
DIED	FAIRMONT C	1	0	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	0	3	0	3
	TOTAL	1	0	3	0	4
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	2	2	1	0	5
	CAHOKIA	1	1	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	2	0	0	2
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SUMMERFIE	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	3	12	1	0	16
RELOCATE	ALORTON	1	0	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	1	7	3	1	12
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	2	3
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1

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RELOCATE	FREEBURG	0	0	2	0	2
	SHILOH	0	0	0	2	2
	SWANSEA	0	0	6	0	6
	TOTAL	3	9	11	5	28
RTO		0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	2	14	0	0	16
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CENTREVIL	1	0	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	NEW ATHEN	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	22	0	0	25
TRANSFER	BELLEVILLE	11	12	4	0	27
	CAHOKIA	1	3	0	0	4
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	9	0	10
	CENTREVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	9	0	0	9
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	3	0	0	0	3
	FREEBURG	1	1	0	0	2
	O FALLON	3	1	2	0	6
	SWANSEA	2	0	4	0	6
	WASHINGTON	0	2	0	0	2
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Animals Left In Shelter on 04/30/19: 105