

## Community Animal Watch Committee Meeting

November 18, 2010

Attendees: Jacqui Deveneau, Jessica, Paul Niemczyk, Julie Deans, Tianna Higgins, Nancy Tate, Arlene Dolgon, Kim Schwickrath, Steve Urbach

Introductions done.

Tianna spoke of large feral populations. Friends of Feral Felines is looking for barns to house cats in, trappers, volunteers and foster homes. Badly needed are homes where the cats can live, in a large carrier, while they recover from neuter/spay surgery before being rereleased. Anyone who has a barn, shed, old outhouses or garages will be greatly appreciated, if the cats will be fed.

Nancy reports on the 35-40 cats that are populating Camp Ellis. Some residents are feeding, and Nancy is working at trapping, fixing and rereleasing, but could use any home where they will again, be kept in a large carrier while recovering from surgery.

Hart shelter will take 5 of the kittens from Camp Ellis. Jacqui will see if any foster homes are willing to take any other captured kittens in.

Tianna will be checking with Will Watson to see if it would be possible for her to use the holding facility in OOB for recovery periods.

There is a group of homeless cats and kittens living around the Methodist Church. Arlene has spoken with neighbors and will be checking further to see if any of the cats is owned.

The Treasurer reports that we have \$725.00 as a current balance in our account. We received a \$150 donation from a generous donor.

The Committee members discussed the possibility of dispersing some of our funds to the members who are working with the OOB feral/homeless populations and are spending their own out of pocket money. Everyone agreed that we will consider reimbursement if receipts are presented and where the animals are that are being fed. We spoke about giving a donation to FFFF earmarked for the work/funds that Nancy, Arlene and Tianna are spending.

Steve moved that we donate \$150 to Friends of Feral Felines earmarked for the colony the Nancy is working with currently. Motion was seconded by Kim. Board voted with 6 yeas, 0 neas.

Paul Niemczyk has offered to step up as Treasurer. Arlene motioned for Paul to become Treasurer, Steve seconded. The Board voted and there were 5 yeas, 0 neas.

Everyone, please check the website as Steve has worked his magic! Nine tabs have been set up.

Volunteer training at AWS was highly unsuccessful. Six people were expected, three showed up, so class was cancelled. We will try to reschedule in January.

Sherry is making a banner for the Committee and Steve will bring a receipt in for us to reimburse him for the website monthly costs.

There was a gray and white cat found Monday on Temple Avenue. It should be moving to the shelter today.

Linda Frechette will create a paragraph for Channel 3. Tabled until next meeting since Linda is not here.

Question of tabling for Celebration by the Sea and/or First Night, New Year's Eve.

Fundraiser ideas? Think of for next meeting.

Jacqui will check into a Clink account for returnables.

Next meeting will be held on 12/16/2010 at the OOB High School library