MISSION STATEMENT
WE SHALL SHELTER, NURTURE, AND CARE FOR ABUSED, NEGLECTED, UNWANTED, AND STRAY ANIMALS; HELPING THEM TO REGAIN TRUST IN MANKIND; ASSIST WHEN ASKED; INTERVENE WHEN NECESSARY.

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Bright Eyes care & rehab center

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February 17, 2016 bright eyes general meeting minutes

The February meeting was called to order by President Terrie Nylund. She asked attendees to peruse the 2/17/16 Treasurer’s Report. After questions and comments, the report was approved as written. Checking account income came from: Misc. Sales; Ink cartridge recycling; Cash donations; Fanwood Foundation grant; Memberships; Memorial donations; Guardian Angel donation. Expenses were to: Double Arrow Vet; Breen Oil (propane); NW Energy; 3 Rivers (internet, phone); Ace Hardware(special light); Montana Waste; Pelco; Acantha for ads; Delwyn Technologies for computer support and protection; Was Chenoweth for fixing snowblower; Teton Banks(safe deposit box); MFU Insurance for bldg. and liability 6 mos.; Dec. and Jan. payroll; Swensen & Co. for accounting services; Federal taxes; Medicare; Soc.Sec., Dept of Revenue—fee for real property tax exemption. Spay/Neuter checking income from: Cash donations; Donation jar on counter; Membership; Memorial donations; Pet Memorials; Adoption donations. Expenses were to: East Slope Vet; Double Arrow Vet. Savings account income came from: Membership, and Memorial donation. No expenses from savings this month.

Correspondence: 1. A notice from Choteau High School selling yearbook ads; 2. A Valentine card from Leah; 3. Brian DeRusha of Idaho, wrote us asking about a feral neuter/spay clinic, that we hope to organize. 4. Jim Thalman wrote a very nice note to B.E. 5. Julie Brantley wrote a letter and included an article of how comforting senior cardboard boxes can be for cats—interesting. 6. There were memorial notes and donations from: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pierce, WA; Jeff & Charlene O’Donnell, CA; Roberta & Bill Choma and Lauren & William Merry. 7. There was a cheery note from “Charlie’s” new owner. 8. “Blake’s” new owner wrote an update on him. 9. 3Rivers sent a notice of raising phone and internet rates. 10; The Fanwood Foundation informed B.E. that Hope Stevens is moving out of state; and her daughters, Melanie and Sarah are taking over the foundation. The Foundation greatly appreciates B.E. work and will continue to support us.

Old Business: The January meeting minutes, found in the newsletter, were approved as written.

New Business:

A. We discussed the beautiful quilt (Rodent Race) made and donated by Jacquie Cooney, and what would be a good raffle ticket price to ask. $5 per ticket was the decision, and we will display and begin selling tickets at our St. Patrick’s Bake Sale, Thursday, March 17, at Scout Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Fall Dinner Dance.

B. Welcome to returning Board members—Rick Kerr, Lorraine Walley, Sandra McGhee and Terrie Nylund.

Board officers are the same as last year—Pres. Terrie; VP Rick, Secretary Sandy K., and Treasurer Steve N.

C. Our St. Pat’s Day Bake Sale will be at Scout Hall, Thursday, Mar. 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lorraine and Sandra McG volunteered to work the tables, but more help is needed. Lots of donated baked goodies are needed, and should be brought by 9:00 a.m. to the sale. Pies, sweet rolls, cakes, breads, cookies are favorites! Please consider donating and/or shopping at our sale. Your financial support is welcome, and used for the animals. Thank You!
D. B.E. is currently advertising for a working shelter manager. A list of qualifications and application form can be found at the shelter or on our website: brighteyesanimalshelter.org April 1st is the application deadline. The Board will conduct the interviews until April 15th, at which time, a decision will be made. Please carefully read the qualifications, to see if your application will be seriously considered.

E. Michelle will be working with Dodie on her Sundays, beginning in March. Pete will do dogs on Feb.21.
F. The group decided not to meet in March; although the Board will meet. The April meeting will likely be on Wed., April 20th; hopefully at the coffee shop next to the Library. Watch the Acantha or call the shelter.

G. MISC.: 1. Garage sale date may correspond with the City Collection and Clean Up Event, May 14-21. The May 14th date, Saturday, will be pursued for our garage sale. More information later. 2. Our wonderful special needs Mastiff, "Pork Chop" was recently adopted to a find Great Falls couple. Our fingers are crossed for a long and happy life for him and new owners. 3. There will be a hearing on the five Black Labs being boarded at shelter, as to their future. 4. The lists of adoptions and animals available for adoption were included in the meeting packet. With no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Kempa, Secretary

TIME TO CELEBRATE!
1. PATCHES, kitty, was adopted to Shanna R.
2. FINNEGAN, dog, was adopted by Jamie & Kelly Smith
3. Dog Sissy and Peanut were claimed by owner.

GOOD NEWS UPDATES!
1. "SARGE" dog is doing great and is his owner’s new best friend. He is learning hand signal commands and working cows. He likes to chase rabbits, when owner works horses.
2. Lexi sends a good report on "CHARLIE". She is very proud of him, as he helps her work the alley at work, pushing steers. He has gained confidence, and his owner is so happy with him.
3. "BLAKE" dog has adjusted to his owner's place very well, and has bonded with him. He plays with some doggie friends and does well around the horse. He is a wonderful addition at his new home.
4. "PORK CHOP", sweet Mastiff, has found a nice home with a fine Great Falls couple! He and the folks seemed to instantly fall in love at their meeting. Photos show PC lying comfortably around his new home, happy for sure. Everyone at the shelter loved PC and he loved us; but, he is enjoying the constant love and attention.
5. PLEASE KEEP THOSE GOOD NEWS UPDATES COMING! HOW WE LOVE THEM!

GIFTS FROM OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!
MONETARY: CASH DONATIONS FROM: Traci Cain; Jerry & Lin Olson; Jim Thalman; Katie Pleielt & Jerry Luinstra; Patricia Larson; Russell & Jill Owen; Nancy Goodspeed; Liz Lambert; Jeremy & Jenny Laisnez; Jeanne Baumann; Stephen Tralles & D. Rode; John Ross; Kaylene Larson; Darolyn Holland; Dave, Rachel, Josh, and Eva Anseth; Dave & Genevieve Shea; Mary Tex; Joe & Nance Loncki.
MEMBERSHIPS: Stan Brown & Susan Anderson; Constance Fairbank; Don & Sandra McGhee; Sandy Lange; Steve & Terrie Nylund; Lorraine Walley; Shirley Vandall; Jim Thalman; Russ & Nancy Moorhouse; Lois White; Brian DeRusha; Erma Hellie; Vicki Williams; Kathleen Nelson
MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR: RAY ANDERSON from Stan Brown & Susan Anderson; ARLENE ANDERSON from Jeff & Charlene O'Donnell; BARBARA BASSMAN MILLS, Carole Bronson's sister, from her; JOHN SUTHERLAND from Jerry, Matt and Michelle Hensley; from Alice; from Stephen Keith & Kathryn; BILL KEMPA from Sandy, from Mike Broden; DIANA BOOM from Carolyn Armbrust; IRENE SNYDER from Mary Volkertsen; CLEO LENSING from Jack & Linda O'Loughlin; RON OTNESS from Roberta & Bill Choma, from Lauren & William Merry, from Audrey Davidson & Family, from Craig & Patricia Weichel & Family.  
PET MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR: “NIKKI” of Jeri Lee from Mickey Kummer; “LUCY” of Kim Johnson from Mickey Kummer.
ADOPTION DONATIONS FOR: “FINNEGAN” by Jamie & Kelly Smith; “KATIE” from Kathleen; “PATCHES” kitty by Shanna Russell.
GUARDIAN ANGEL for: PATCHES, doggie, from Terrie Nylund.
NON-MONETARY GIFTS FROM:
Janet Clement for labels and box tops; Jonel Hodgskiss for box tops; Carolyn Hazzard for box tops; Melody Carlon for cat litter; Annie Luinstra for dog bedding; Lorraine for blankets; Lyle Weist for 2 large bags of dog food; Steward Hirsch for 3 dog houses; Dave & Gen Shea for cans, paper towels; Tammy Howell for kitty food, cookies and bedsheets; Cindy Cross for cans; Rita Reynolds for cans; John Henry’s for cans; Lanse Brown for cartridges; Animal Rescue Site for grant awarding 25 sheepskin pet bed pads; Randy & Pat Larson for labels;
Don Passmore for dog supplies; Cheryl Antonich, Joni’s sis, for ink cartridges; Jamie Stubblefield for stuffed animals; Kathleen Nelson and kitties for dog and cat treats, food, box tops, ink cartridges, cell phone, dry cat food, lotions, piggy bank, office “pet” to sit on shelf, liquid laundry detergent, cookies; Kelly Richter for dog treats, laundry detergent, Dawn, dryer sheets; Lyn & Stan Root for Mad Cat Calendar; Kaylene Larson for cartridges, labels; Nancy Frye for ink cartridges; Linda O’Loughlin for pet Christmas scarves and hats; Denise Schmidt for dog toys; Terry Haynes for ink cartridges; Skyline Lodge for cans; Bo Rudolph for cartridges; Leslie & Phil for cans; Log Cabin for labels; Cathy Dombrovski for stamps; Krysta Bakken (State Farm Agent) for cat toys; Melody M. for kitty litter; Linda Spinder for alum cans and paper towels; Diane from Full Circle for “Proud Mother” a matted, framed picture of a mother yellow lab and 2 black lab puppies.

THANK YOU, FOLKS, FOR ALL OF YOUR KIND GIFTS TO BENEFIT THE ANIMALS!

THESE NICE SHELTER DOGS NEED LOVING AND FOREVER HOMES!
1. SAWYER, neutered Chow/BCh, friends, active, good with medium and large dogs and kids.
2. CLEM, neutered Walker and Blue Tick Hound, handsome, nice singing voice, health issues at present
3. TIPPY spayed female Jack Russell mix, now housebroken since her allergies under control with special food and meds.
4. PATCHES spayed female Border Collie/Pyrenees mix, really nice, energetic
5. HAWK, male 4 month old German Shepherd mix, long hair, under medical treatment for tibia fracture; leg pinned; not available until recover and rehab complete

THESE GREAT SHELTER CATS/KITTIES NEED LOVING AND FOREVER HOMES!
1. WILLIE, DSH, neutered adult grey tabby, handsome, very nice
2. JACK, DMH neutered adult grey tabby, special needs kitty,, very friendly
3. ALEX, DLH neutered adult grey and white tabby, shy but very nice
4. KATIE, DSH, spayed grey adolescent, so sweet and loving
5. ANNAKA, DSH, spayed light colored calico, mature adult, pretty alto voice
6. CHARLOTTE, DMH, spayed black kitty, nice girl
7. ALVIN, DMH neutered black with white face, adolescent, cute nice
8. ZYPPER, DSH, neutered gold/ tan big boy, very nice, special needs, should be only cat
9. PANDORA, DMH, white with grey adolescent, old injury (fractured femure) sweet girl
10. SQUINTS, DSH, spayed tortoise shell calico, nice girl
11. JAZZ, DSH spayed tortoise shell, nice
12. TRINKET DSH, spayed dilute calico, broad face, spunky, great barn cat

WISH LIST! WE ARE HOWLING FOR:
1. BIG NEED! RESPONSIBLE ADULT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS. We would train dependable adult volunteers, who are interested in helping needy and homeless animals. Duties may include some physical labor (sweeping, mopping, washing, cat litter pans, etc.) or office work or meeting the public or phone work, feeding dogs or cats, cleaning dog or cats areas. Some of our shelter days are very lightly staffed and shelter is not open to the public. Every other Sundays are, also, a big need; as well as Mondays, Thursdays, and Subs. Volunteer applications are at shelter. Please consider stepping forward and helping out.
2. SHELTER SUPPLIES NEEDED: Liquid Laundry Detergent---Paper Towels---Cat Litter (clay, unscented)---Bleach---Postage Stamps---HP 564 Ink Cartridges (black and color)---White Copy Paper---Pastel Copy Paper---Address Labels (8 1/2’x11 sheets)---Dog & Kitty Treats---Alum cans for recycling---Used Laser and Ink Jet cartridges---Kleenex---Box Tops for Education---Soup Can Labels---Hand Sanitizer Gel---
   The Recyclers do NOT accept Toner Cartridges, Used MP3 Players, or Used Cell Phones, anymore
3. GUARDIAN ANGELS for Clem, as he is better, but still being watched carefully.
4. NEED DONATED BAKED GOODIES for our St. Pat’s Bake Sale, Thursday, March 17, Scout Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please have items there, by 9:00 a.m. Thanks so Much!
5. MEMBERS! We need renewed membership or new members, to help our animals. Find the member form on the back page of the newsletter, paper, electronic, or on our website.
6. ATTENDEES AT OUR APRIL GENERAL MEETING. Watch for exact facts. Likely on April 20th.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY! COME TO OUR BAKE SALE!
BRIGHT EYES 2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ to Benefit Needy Animals In Our Care

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FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

* Autumn Dinner/Dance  * Pennies for Pets  * Raffles  * Bake Sales/Garage Sale  * Winter Fair

We have processed nearly 2,000 animals through the shelter since we have been in operation. Do you ever wonder where they would be if not safely cared for here? That’s a substantial amount of animals to care for until they’re placed in new homes or the owners located. The majority of the animals that enter through our doors have an unknown history and need to be vaccinated, spayed or neutered, de-wormed, bathed, taught basic obedience, and socialized with both people and other animals of their own species, as well as temperament tested with the opposite species. Interestingly enough, of the 48 cats that were impounded in 2015, none, absolutely zero, of the strays were claimed by an owner. Of the 57 dogs that were impounded, we were able to reunite 29 of them with their owners. We would certainly like to see an improvement in these numbers, with more communication from owners of pets when they become missing.

Your donation will help us to manage these numbers. Some of the ways your contribution helps is:

- Cat vaccinations range from $17.00-$25.00 and they require a series of 3
- FIV-FelV testing of cats, $24.00-$40.00
- Dog vaccinations range from $12.00-$19.00 and they require a series of 3
- Avg. food costs per month, $400.00
- Rabies for both species range from $15.00-$20.00
- Avg. cat litter purchased per month, $195.00
- De-worming and ectoparasite prevention around $12.00 per animal, unless follow-up treatment is needed.

These are only the general animal care expenses and do not include any surgeries, i.e., spays, neuters, dentals, or lab work-ups. This information may help clarify how the gifts from you are utilized. How much they are appreciated by us. How it enables us to continue quality care. Thank you over and over again for your generous support, and blessings to you for the animals you help on a daily basis. Take care.

BRIGHT EYES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ 2016

( ) Lifetime .................................. $500.00
( ) Sustaining .......................... $100.00
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