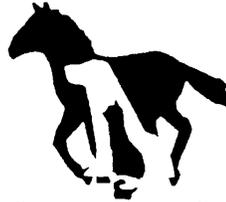


Bright Eyes Care & Rehab Center

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Member Newsletter

SEPTEMBER
2017

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.

GOALS

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5. Be advocates for animals, speaking for those who are innocent, that cannot speak for themselves.

PLEASE----HELP US, HELP THEM

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E-Newsletters are done by Sandy Kempa, and emailed to those who have supplied an email address. E-newsletters save B.E. money, which we happily spend on needy animals. Because of our recent computer problems, we have had trouble getting our paper newsletters mailed out to those who do not have computers, or those who choose not to participate in electronic newsletters. We are continuing to work on solutions, and hope people will be patient. We place paper newsletters at the Skyline Lodge, Double Arrow Vet Clinic, East Slope Vet Clinic, the Beehive, the Seniors Center, and at the shelter, too. Our FACEBOOK account and our own Website also have the current newsletters. We thank Kindra for her work on our FACEBOOK account and Dale for her work on our Website.



SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 BRIGHT EYES GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The September meeting was called to order by the President, Terrie Nylund. She asked attendees to peruse the 09/20/2017 Treasurer's Report, which was approved as written. Income came from: Cash donations; Box Tops; Memorial donations; Membership; Pennies for Pets (\$590.36); Transfer from Savings. Expenses were to: NW Energy; 3 Rivers; Ace (litter \$352); Montana Waste; Petco; Acantha (Pennies for Pets ads); Home Depot(Utility tub); Stage Stop Inn(dinner/dance deposit); Payroll(August-Terrie; Payroll-Kindra); MFU Bldg.(ins. for 6 months). Spay/Neuter checking account had income from: Donations; Memorial donation; Adoption donations; Surrender donation. Expenses were to: East Slope Vet Clinic (cat spays, dog neuter,);microchip, shots). Double Arrow Vet(shots, dog spay, dog neuter, Cosmo, local assist). . Savings account had income from interest (so modest). Savings expense was a transfer of funds to checking. Our CD's are waiting for needed expenses for the animals, the shelter, and the property. Our working capital is much smaller than our total assets, and is carefully managed to benefit needy animals. A complete Treasurer's report is found in the meeting agenda or available by request.We estimate that soon, our monthly expenses will be \$7,832, reflecting our new full-time shelter managersalary.

Soon, we must concentrate on seeking more income; fundraisers, donations from our dear friends and members, as well as seeking those elusive grants. The needy animals depend on us, and we appreciate any and all help!

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. *An invitation to join the Amazon Smile Program (Kindra will study it).* 2. *Contract and paperwork from Stage Stop Inn (Oct. 28 Dinner/Dance).* 3. *A lovely note from LaRay Watkins, about "Sami" dog.* 4. *A note and donation from Steve's cousin.* 5. *Our good friend, Sue Brandt, sent a note and donation, earmarked for our much-needed double laundry tub.* 6. *Jeannie Overton and Ruth White Crane wrote a kind note about Steve and Ace's assistance to them, and a donation.* 7. *Our good friend, Barbara Duncan, sent a donation earmarked for laundry tub, and a nice note and an update on her "Webster", adopted from BE.*

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OLD BUSINESS: The August meeting minutes, in the Aug. newsletter, were approved.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. KINDRA STIMSON, our new shelter manager, was introduced to attendees.
2. PENNIES FOR PETS was successful, again (\$590.36!) Many thanks to the folks who manned this event. Special thanks to Lorraine, who seemed to be there, to make sure every shift was covered. We, also, thank New Member Jan Quilling, who worked it, and wants to be involved with B.E. Welcome to Jan!
3. DOUBLE LAUNDRY TUB is expected soon, but will have to wait to be installed, until the Nylund's return from New Mexico.
4. BOARD ELECTIONS will be at November general meeting. Those board members whose terms are up for renewal are: Rick Kerr, Lorraine Walley, Sandra McGhee, and Terrie Nylund. Please let Terrie know if you want to go on the ballot for re-election; or if you are new and want to commit to a 2-year term for needy animals.
5. THE DINNER/DANCE will be Saturday, Oct. 28th, at the Stage Stop Inn, at the same terms as last year. We agreed on a Free-Will Giving fee for entrance. The event theme will be Fall, with a touch of Halloween. If any attending children want to wear their Halloween costumes, or children at heart, too, that would be fun. We will offer a variety of soups, salads, etc. and desserts. Some of the attending members volunteered to bring food, and other friends/members will be called. If you wish to donate, let Terrie know. There will be a small Silent Auction/Market, too. We are hoping that Jeremy Buckman will provide his great DJ music, again. Time for this event will be: 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Put this fun event on your calendar!
6. NEXT MEETING: WED. Oct. 18th at 7:00 P.M., this month, only. Another group is using the Library meeting room, just before B.E., and so we will take over at 7.
7. MISC. A. We looked through the Adopted Animals lists, and, as usual, the Adopted list is much smaller than the Available lists. We have few dogs and many cats and kittens. REMEMBER: There will be NO BLACK CAT adoptions in October; and NO CATS at all during the last week in October. This standard shelter policy is for sinister reasons, sadly. The meeting was then adjourned by the president.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Kempa, Secretary.

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YAHOO! ADOPTIONS AND GOOD NEWS!

1. MATILDA, doggie, was adopted to Eugene & Joy S.
2. THELMA, doggie, went to live with Michelle Jerry H, and other pets.
3. TEAGAN, long-time and much-loved shelter doggie, got a lovely home with Jim & Theresa H. She looked so happy in the photo of her, with her new Yellow Lab “sibling”.
4. “SAMI”, small lapdog, was adopted by LeRae W. and is happy in her new home. She was shy around large groups of people, at first; but now kisses them all! Her new owner calls her a “lovely” pet.
5. APOLLO, very large boy, was adopted by Jason & Jamie L.
6. Ring, dog, was claimed by owner. Luna and Ginny were claimed by their owner.
7. BERLIN, kitten, was adopted by Christi F.
8. CISCO, kitten, was adopted to Janae R.
9. Pistachio, aka Rain, was claimed by owners, but sadly is missing, again.
10. WEBSTER, aka Sammie at shelter, is having the time of his life, with his owners of a few years. He is a great joy to his owners, and keeps them going; as two walks a day is a Minimum, from his point of view! He is a hit in his neighborhood, as he is so proud and handsome!
11. LOUISE, now LUCY, is very happy with her new family and critter friends ! She is much loved and has found her forever and loving home. No more wandering lost and sad on the highway for this gal.
12. SHADOW, B.E.shelter Ambassador of Good Will, has quite a Fan Club around town. Chateau Activity clients eager await his weekly visits., and has encouraged folks formerly afraid of dogs, to come to him to pet and hug him. At the BTMC Extended Care, he and Rick go from room to room to greet anyone, who wants to see him.The Full Circle store is, also, a favorite stopping spot, to visit. The Bank Drive-Through staff love having him stop by, too. Shadow tries not to hurt anyone’s feelings, who offer him treats, and is hoping to cut back on consumption of them. Rick humorously recalls how Shadow got his Good Citizenship Certificate and never went to class! He learned his new name and some obedience in one hour, before the tests and ceremony. Our Boy!

BEST WISHES TO ONE AND ALL!



REMEMBER NEW SHELTER WEEKEND HOURS! 8:00-2:00. Please call 466-2100 before coming up. It’s a good idea.

GIFTS FROM OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!

MONETARY:

CASH DONATIONS FROM: Cokie Brusatori; Ray & Virginia Dawes; Alice Sutherland;Traci Cain; Suzie Van Hal; Michigan Cousin Karen; Jerry & Lin Olson;

Liz Lambert; Barbara C. Duncan; Jeannie Overton & Ruth White Crane; Janet Clement; Patricia Larson; Susan Brandt; Stoney Burk; Jim Thalman.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill & Betty Hill

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR: THELMA NAUCK from Gary & Gloria Davis; Eva Anseth—FOR RICK STELZER from Ken Morris—FOR VICKI WILLIAMS from Denise Agee, Toni Sattler, Dave & Rebecca Larson, Ray & Kim Hofstad, Vicki's Estate Check.

ADOPTION DONATIONS FOR: "MATILDA" from Eugene & Joy S.; for "BERLIN" from Christi F.; for "APOLLO" from Jason & Jamie L.; for "SAMI" from LaRae W.; for "THELMA" from Michelle & Jerry H.; for "MONTE" from Richard & Lorraine, then Lynn B.; "TEAGAN" from James & Theresa H.

Surrender Donation for "Monte" from Theresa B.

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NON-MONETARY GIFTS from: Jackie Cooney for a beautiful, handmade quilt to be used as a fundraiser; Lorraine for stamps; Verna Schleuter, Dutton, for a dog item; Dianne Colter for a pet heating pad and car seat cover; Dianne Sand for fleece, dog cool pad, insulin needles; Eva Anseth's granddaughter for lots of cat toys; Pete Bayo for paper towels; Dana Reeves for cat food; Gloria Barrett for cat food, carrier, blanket; Linda Hill for collapsible carrier, toy; Sandy Kempa for small cat playhouse; Jim & Jean Hinman for dog food in Memory of "Juliette", their deceased Saint Bernard; Cathy Dombrowske for stamps; Lou Wilmot and Marge for fleece material, liquid hand soap, collars, cat litter, Meow Mix; Kyria, Hailey, Dawn Alzheimer for double cat scratcher, cat nip toys, dog balls, cat fish flop, Nylabone—with proceeds from their lip balm sales! Matt & Davonna McCartney for 2 bags BlueDog food; Lorraine for shampoo, detangled, toys, credit from Double Arrow prescription food return; Ronda Reiding for a large crock dish; Rich Chadwick and Luann for dog house; Leah McDonald for cat food and detergent; Nancy & Russ Moorhouse for dog house; Ann Gordon for paper towels, kleenex, detergent, litter; MacKenzie Rosenbaum for 2 pet pillows; Willie Johnson for lots of cat food that their cat won't eat; Lynn Wright for dog food, treats, large dog crate, doggie scarves; Joyce Maltby for leftover cat food; Teton Lumber Company for complimentary dog dishes for donors; Ken Meyer for large bag of dog food.

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL! EVERYTHING DONATED IS APPRECIATED!

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MORE GOOD NEWS!

1. *A cat owner, who had his cat neutered at our Spay/Neuter Clinic, reports that his cat now stays home.*
2. *"Peekaboo" and "Simone" kitties are doing well. Boo likes tummy rubs!*
3. *"Breezy" puppy new owners say she is very happy at farm and loves their toddler.*
4. *"Sparrow", office hospice kitty, loved her grass bed, and now loves her ledge bed.*
5. *"Black Magic" and "Stubbs" kittens, happily adopted.*
6. *"Fern" kitty is awesome, her new owner says.*
7. *"Bluebell" is now a loving lap cat and doing great.*
8. *"Shadow" enjoyed a 7th birthday lick of ice cream, with his buddy, Rick. Page 5*
9. *Folks, please keep those good reports coming in. How we love them!*

THESE NICE SHELTER DOGS NEED LOVING, FOREVER HOMES!

1. *NALA, spayed female Border Collie mix; nice girl, likes running*
2. *LIZA, spayed female Blue Tick/Walker Hound mix, energetic*
3. *Check our FACEBOOK PAGE and our own WEBSITE for updates!*

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THESE NICE SHELTER CATS NEED LOVING FOREVER HOMES!

1. ALEX, DLH, neutered male, dark grey with some white, sweet big boy, A condition.
2. JACK, DLH, neutered male grey tabby with a little white, personality plus, a condition
3. KATIE, DSH, spayed female, dark grey, loves people, so nice
4. CHARLOTTE, DLH, spayed black female, so very nice
5. RAGS, DLH, neutered male, friendly, mostly white with beige markings
6. PANDORA, DSH, spayed female, white with some grey, nice, special diet
7. COSMO, DSH, neutered male, large gold tabby, wants to be only pet
8. EOWYN, DSH, spayed female orange adolescent, pretty
9. SILKY, DSH, spayed female dilute tortoise shell, senior, wants to be only pet
10. SEBASTIAN, DSH, neutered male, white with black; such a nice boy
11. SUNSHINE, DLH, neutered male, white with tan spots, sweet
12. PATCHES, DSH, spayed female, white with grey, cute nose
13. BIG BEN, DLH, neutered male, very large lack and white, a little edgy, only pet?
14. SHASTA, DSH, female Siamese mix, very sweet
15. BLOOMERS, female kitten—ADOPTION PENDING
16. SCHNITZEL, DSH, 5 mo., black cutie , male
17. BERLIN, DSH, 5 mo., male, grey cuties
18. LUGNUT, abandoned 3+ wks, old, male grey w/white kitten, ADOPTION PENDING
19. SKIPPER, abandoned 3+ wks. old, male grey w/white kitten,ADOPTION PENDING
20. SLIPPERS, abandoned 3+ wks. old female black/white, ADOPTION PENDING
21. DIONNE, DMH, female black kitten. A Doll!
22. ELLA, DMH, female black kitten. Another Doll!
23. CREEDENCE, DLH, male grey/black tabby kitten. Don't you love his name!
24. ODETTA, DMH, female grey/black tabby kitten. She is a Princess (not swan).

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE and our own Website for updates.

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BRIGHT EYES IS STILL WISHING FOR:



1. *RESPONSIBLE ADULT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS, willing to help in various ways---cleaning dog kennels, feeding, sweeping, mopping, cat litter pans, dishes, laundry, walking, socializing, phone work, meeting the public, etc. Training is provided. Come to shelter to get a Volunteer App, and visit about your own schedule. We will be flexible.*

2. SHELTER SUPPLIES NEEDED: A. Clay-type Cat Litter B. LIQUID Laundry Detergent C. Address Labels for paper newsletters (8 1/2"x11" sheets); D. White Copy Paper E. Pastel Copy Paper F. Postage Stamps G. HP 564 Ink Cartridges in black and color for office printer H. Treats I. Kleenex J. Pump Sanitizer Gel; Paper Towels K. Used Laser Ink Cartridges L. Box Tops for Education

3. NO ALUMINUM CANS, anymore. Lost our people who took them to GF. NO USED MP3 PLAYERS

NO TONER CARTRIDGES NO USED CELL PHONES Recyclers don't want them. NO GARAGE SALE DONATIONS No Garage Sale this year.



OCTOBER 28th, 5:30-9:00 p.m., STAGE STOP INN—

FALL DINNER/DANCE FALL THEME, WITH A HINT

**OF HALLOWEEN! DELICIOUS SOUPS, SALADS,
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BRIGHT EYES 2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ to Benefit Needy Animals In Our Care

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Accomplishments:	2016	2001-2016	2016	2001-2016
*Pets reunited with owners	24	621	*Cat adoptions	37 644
*Spays and neuters	74	1379	*Dog adoptions/assists	49 583
*Sterilization expenses	12,688.00	98,192.00	*Medical expenses	1,264.00 34,687.00

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

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

As we prepare to yield to 2017 with the continuation of service to the community as a successful shelter, we have crossed some bridges and made some major decisions to better that service to you and the animals in our care. Lacking the dedicated volunteers that we desperately needed to train as staff, we had no alternative but to hire a full time Director, beginning June 1, 2017. Ms. Kindra Stimson will be joining our team as our leader on that day. Kindra will have her degree in anthrozoology and is completing her education in grant writing. Terrie Nylund will be stepping away from that position. Kindra will certainly brighten things up with a fresh way of looking at the inner workings of the shelter and will be doing something that she loves to do, work with animals. The foundation to build on had been created years ago and it was a strong one. We know that Kindra will continue to build on this foundation with the quality of care and compassion that compelled us to build the shelter initially.

You may see a change in the hours of operation if we can fully staff on Kindra's off days. You will be kept advised of these changes as they happen through the newsletter and by looking at our website, brighteyesanimalshelter.org

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 ~ 2017

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