

GREYHOUND PETS of AMERICA - Central Texas
Chapter Board Meeting
December 14, 2004

Tim Define, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM at the Whole Foods Market meeting room in Austin, Texas. Board Members present were Jennifer Define, Barbara Clark, Donna Seago, Mike Waldon, Pam Cook, Sally McIntosh, Bobbie Wier, and Bob Trapp. Glen Bridge was absent. Holly Waldon was a guest.

The meeting began with a discussion led by Sally of the revisions to the current adoption/foster application to foster/adopt. Bobbie made a motion to increase the application fee from \$165.00 to \$195.00 effective January 1, 2005. Donna seconded. The motion passed. (The adoption fee for seniors will continue to be \$100.00.) Bobbie also made the motion to raise the deposit accompanying the adoption application from \$82.50 to \$100.00 also effective January 1, 2005. \$25.00 of the \$100.00 deposit will be non-refundable but applicable toward the total adoption fee. Included in the motion was to give the book, Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies, when an application and deposit are received. Sally seconded. The motion passed.

Pam reported on the gift wrapping at Half-Price Books the weekend before. She deemed it a success, so we're repeating the event from noon until 8:00 pm Saturday, December 18, 2004.

Bobbie expressed her ongoing concern about members who have dropped their membership in GPA-CT over the past few years. Lana volunteered to compile a list of members that did not renew their membership using old membership lists from 4-5 years ago. She will bring the list to the January board meeting for discussion as to its disposition. Bobbie requested Donna to check our current newsletter procedure to make sure "Address Correction Requested" was part of the mailing.

Barbara reported that (1) the insurance renewal is due, and (2) that she is still working on the back taxes that were reported due. She distributed the current Treasurer's Report. \$1,434.00 profit was made on Jamboree, 2004. She told Donna she's still having trouble with PayPal.

Bob reported that he'd gotten a "thank you" from Chuy's for our participation in the parade.

Several suggestions were made regarding the web site. Lana suggested the addition of photo galleries to showcase GPA-CT events such as the Jamboree and Chuy's Parade. Mike is currently working on photos and descriptions of all foster dogs for the web site. A suggestion was made to place the word "Adopted" across photos of the foster dogs as they are adopted to indicate activity. Donna stated that she is working on the recurring monthly donation via PayPal and plans to debut that feature in January. She suggested board members take the lead and sign up so the membership will hopefully follow. Donna also stated that there are many more improvements that she would like to make to the web site (navigation, content, etc.) but as that would involve a significant redesign of the site, those changes may have to wait for several months. Further discussion on the web site was tabled until the January board meeting.

Barbara reported that due to Whole Foods' move into their new building and her vacation that the board should find another place to meet on January 11, 2005. Lana will call la Madeleine's and report back.

Tim asked for comments on canceling the January 3, 2005 regular meeting. Mike made a motion that it be cancelled because of its close proximity to the New Year holiday, and Sally seconded. The motion passed.

Sally asked the board to seriously begin thinking about a place to hold the Lee Livingood conference. Notices need to be placed in area chapter newsletters as soon as details are solidified.

Jennifer volunteered to begin compiling a 2005 activities calendar and requested us all to email dates that we are aware of.

Bob made the motion and Mike seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Henley
Executive Secretary