

## Alliance for Animals and the Environment

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 2016

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Present at the board meeting were Lynn Pauly, Sonya Sidky, Sue Miller, Judi Duncan, Marina Drake, Lesley Crocker, Megan Ryan, and ED Sara Andrews.

The meeting minutes from May 2016 were approved by Judi and the motion was seconded by Marina, with no changes to minutes made.

Sara and Sue met after the May 2016 board meeting and discussed our financial reports. We did spend \$1000 in May on liability insurance. Sue mentioned she would like to make a year-to-year comparison of our finances and she plans to do this end of June. The financial statements were approved by Megan and seconded by Lesley.

Sara reviewed the director's report, which she provided to all board members previous to the meeting. That report and the discussion focused on the following:

- Sara is concerned about lack of involvement in the FAC committee.
- Aaron Yarmel is making a video from the protest that was held in Madison several months ago.
- AFAE will have a table at Pridefest in Milwaukee. Field Roast is donating Chao cheese vegan for this event.

Lynn mentioned that she is concerned that not all addresses are being captured at tabling events and asked that we make sure the appropriate sign-up sheet is available for individuals to sign.

The Animals in Entertainment committee met in May to discuss several issues including Circus World Museum, pig wrestling, and zoo issues. 570 mailers will go out to Dane County residents regarding the Stoughton pig wrestling event which is scheduled on July 1. Several other organizations have offered to help with this particular campaign. The next meeting for the Animals in Entertainment Committee is June 22.

The board did have a brief discussion regarding committees in general.

Sonya brought up possible involvement with the Dane County Fair or State Fair, in the future. We decided this is something we could discuss at a future date possibly.

Sue will run the Fighting Bob Fest table and be in charge of that event, which is to be held on 9/17/16.

We will change our board meetings to Thursday evenings for the summer months. They will be July 7 and August 4.

Sara proposed helping with the Goodman food pantry by donating funds to be used for Vegan Thanksgiving options. The center gives out food baskets currently with little or no vegan options. The board voted on this measure and the motion did not pass. We did agree that we would have no problem promoting it if Goodman was to offer vegan Thanksgiving options.

Gina Stuessy's name will be removed from the credit card and checks as of 6/30/16, as Vegan Fest is over by then. Sue mentioned that we would want to make sure to have continuity with Vegan Fest and Sonya said she will work with Gina to do a debrief after Vegan Fest. Judi and Sara may be involved with this as well.

A vote was taken and unanimously passed for \$300 to be paid monthly for office space on State Street.

Lynn stated that she would like to see AFAE have a membership committee (i.e. people can pay \$25 each year to be a member, etc.).

Judi made a motion to adjourn and Megan seconded the motion.