



AGENDA

March 11, 2024
First Baptist Church
500 Buena Vista Drive
Merced, CA 95340
6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

REMINDER: Do not talk over each other at the meeting. It is being recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of minutes from February 12, 2024

Motion:

Second:

Ayes:

Nayes:

Abstain:

Absent:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. FINANCIALS THROUGH 2/29/2024**
- 2. IN-KIND THROUGH 2/29/2024**
- 3. ANIMAL STATISTICS THROUGH 2/29/2024**

4. ESTABLISH A MINIMUM CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR MERCED SPCA

Report In Brief: The Merced SPCA is funded only through donations. We have no regular funding source. We are continuing to pay for TNRs, medical costs, supplies, insurance, etc. The President would like the Board to institute a "minimum account balance" --- an amount that when reached we will agree to suspend services until such time that we've increased our revenue by 20%. She is recommending the minimum amount be set at \$20,000.

Motion:

Second:

Ayes:

Nayes:

Abstain:

Absent:

5. SELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY

Report In Brief: Due to the removal of Director Evans in February 2024, the position of Secretary of the Board has been vacant. We have had interest in the position expressed by three (3) community animal advocates. This would not be an election of the Board to the position—this would be appointment by the President to fulfill the remaining term through 2026, as allowed by our by-laws. The President is asking for Board discussion prior to appointing a secretary. Bios of each candidate are attached.

6. SPCA FUNDRAISING 2024

A. SPRING YARD SALE

Report In Brief: The Merced SPCA needs additional funding outside of donations. Our vet bills are becoming overwhelming. Large yard sales tend to bring the most traffic and money.

1. **DONATIONS:** Currently receiving donations – Director Cienfuegos to provide an update
2. **LOCATION:** First Baptist Church, 500 Buena Vista Drive, Merced
3. **DATE AND TIME:** May 4, 2024; 8 am- 3 pm- set up 6:00 am
4. **PICK UP AND STORAGE OF DONATED ITEMS:** Merced Mini Storage, 2 - 10x10 units
5. **MARKETING:** Flyers approved, social media posts have been continuous, flyers will be posted in vet offices and businesses in Merced in April
6. **VOLUNTEERS:** Sign up requests will be emailed to our volunteers in April and a call for volunteers will be posted on social media- needed for set up, sales and break down.
7. **PROMOS:**
 - a. Bring one 10lb bag or larger of cat food and receive a \$10 off coupon for yard sale item- approved
 - b. At 2:00 p.m. -all items are 50% -75% off- thoughts?
 - c. At 2:45 pm- all remaining items will be FREE – thoughts?

8. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

9. OTHER REPORTABLE ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Update Merced SPCA's By-Laws- **tabled until after May meeting**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Second:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2024, at
First Baptist Church
500 Buena Vista Drive
Merced, CA 95340
6 p.m.



**DRAFT
NOT APPROVED**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2023
First Baptist Church
500 Buena Vista Drive
Merced, CA 95340
6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Kelly opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sizemore, Cienfuegos, Kelly, Lambert

Absent: None

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Financial Statements through 01/31/2024
President Kelly explained that the detailed financial are based on the monthly account statements received and the general financials (which are more accurate) are based on the checkbook register. The detailed financials don't include the reserve accounts for operations and food/supplies.
2. In-Kind Donation List 10/1/2023 – 1/31/2024
3. Transport Statistics through 01/31/2024
4. Fosters in Care through 01/31/2024

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of minutes from January 15, 2024**

Moved: Cienfuegos

Second: Lambert

Ayes: Kelly, Sizemore, Lambert, Cienfuegos

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. **SPRING YARD SALE**

Report In Brief: *The Merced SPCA needs additional funding outside of donations. Our vet bills are becoming overwhelming. In addition to raise additional funds, the President is proposing that the SPCA hold a RUMMAGE SALE sometime in May. Large yard sales tend to bring the most traffic and money.*

Vice-President Cienfuegos wanted us to check with U-Haul and United Rentals for donations of a box truck and/or trailer the weekend of the event.

President Kelly asked for suggestions on the flier - do we put "everything \$25 and under"?

Director Sizemore stated that we need to make as much money as possible while selling as much as possible. She didn't think we should limit it to \$25 and said there would be room to negotiate.

Director Lambert agreed with Sizemore that we should not put a maximum dollar amount and be willing to negotiate

President Kelly asked for comments regarding offering coupons if people brought a bag of cat food (10lbs or more) and received a \$10 off coupon. All Directors agreed to the idea.

The Board decided to continue to move ahead with plans for a Spring Estate and Yard Sale.

3. Other Items Discussed:

Vice-President Cienfuegos commented that he's been picking up a lot of items and we're running out of space in our storage area. Director Kelly said she would get a second unit if needed. She was planning to help clean the unit to see how much space that would free up.

Vice-President Cienfuegos shared that the thrift center in Atwater will donate blankets.

Director Lambert had no items.

Director Sizemore had no items.

ADJOURNMENT 6:41 p.m. by President Kelly
The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2024

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Merced, CA 95340
6 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Cynthia Kelly



SPCA February 2024 General Financials

MERCED SPCA FINANCIALS (General)	2/24
Previous Balance (FROM 1/31/2024)	<u>\$52,446.63</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>	
-	
DONATIONS	\$2,340.15
Account Interest	\$2.01
-	
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	\$2,342.16
<u>EXPENSE</u>	
CHECKS WRITTEN	\$6,307.48
MISC EXPENSES	\$110.62
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$6,418.10
<u>RESERVE ACCOUNTS- EMERGENCY FUNDS</u>	
Operational Reserve	(\$234.21)
Balance	\$6,781.79
Cat Food Reserve	(\$234.21)
Balance	\$2,781.79
Ending Balance 1/31/2024	\$47,902.27

SPCA Detailed Financials February 2024

MERCED SPCA FINANCIALS (DETAILED)		
	DATE	2/24
Beginning Balance (as of February 29,2024)		\$51,675.79
REVENUE		
DONATIONS		
Paypal	2/8/2024	\$341.06
	2/22/2024	\$286.67
	2/28/2024	\$146.03
	2/29/2024	\$17.62
Donations/Checks	2/7/2024	\$734.00
	2/14/2024	\$657.76
Membership		\$60.00
Cash		\$95.00
Interest	2/29/2024	\$2.01
TOTAL REVENUE		\$2,340.15
BALANCE		\$54,015.94
EXPENSES		
Expense By Line Item		
Medical		
Valley Animal Hospital	2/15/2024	-\$3,146.43
Sante Fe Pet Hospital	2/27/2024	-\$1,485.09
Food & Supplies/Miscellaneous		
ACH Transfer- Paypal (Facebook Boost)	2/3/2024	-\$10.00
Walmart (kennel cleaner- calicivirus)	2/6/2024	-\$54.76
Harland Clark- SPCA check reorder	2/13/2024	-\$100.62
Cynthia Kelly (reimburse-food for feeders)	2/14/2024	-\$269.68
PetSmart (flea meds- Cooper, Oreo, Zoe)	2/15/2024	-\$41.67
Cynthia Kelly- inkjet/paper for printing fliers	2/16/2024	-\$143.92
Home Depot (cleaning supplies/packing supplies)	2/21/2024	-\$89.53
Merced Mini Storage (2nd storage unit)	2/27/2024	-\$234.75
Frank Cienfuegos (gas reimbursement)	2/27/2024	-\$30.00
Cynthia Kelly (reimburse-food for feeders)	2/28/2024	-\$225.70
Cynthia Kelly-reimburse for litter- foster "Lady"	2/28/2024	-\$10.95
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$5,843.10
ENDING BALANCE:(as of 2/29/2024)		\$48,172.84

SPCA Check Register - February 2024

FEBRUARY						
2/3/2024	3461	Walmart	-\$54.76	\$53,194.68	Kennel cleaner- Kelly/Flachman (calicivirus expsoure from fosters)	
2/6/2024	3462	Valley Animal Hospital	-\$3,146.43	\$50,048.25	Invoices: 2498990- Foster#17 ROBIN; 2498989- Foster#18 SMOKEY; 2499121 Verdin433 LEO; 2499281 Foster#21 CHUNK 2499282 Foster#22 SKETCHERS; 2499284 Foster#23 SHADOW; 2499435 Foster#1 RHEA; 2499523 Foster#9 MIRACLE 2499524 Foster#1 RHEA; 2499890 Foster#25 CHLOE; 2500362 Euth#1 JACK; 2500437 Verdin#356 JOPLIN; 2500466 TNR#12 GROUCHO; 2500787 TNR#10; 2501097 TNR#20; 2501121 TNR#21 COWIE; 2501320 Foster#6 OREO; 2501319 Foster# Florence31 GLENDA; 2501437 TNR#22; 2501350 Euth#2 BEAUTY	
2/7/2024	3464	Registry of Charitable Trust	-\$75.00		Annual Report Fee	
2/7/2024				\$734.00	\$50,782.25	Lau- membership \$25; Cash-\$20 Teresa; Cash\$75 -Daisy Luna; Lau-\$ 64.00-flea treatment; Cindy Thompson- \$500 Alicia Migliazzo for Audrey Kostecky- \$50
2/9/2024	3465	Cynthia Kelly	-\$269.68		Reimburse for food for feeders- Walmart- refer to receipt folder in Drop Box	
2/12/2024	3466	PetSmart	-\$41.67		NextGuard flea meds- Oreo, Zoe, Cooper	
2/13/2024	3467	Santa Fe Pet Hospital	-\$1,485.09	\$49,297.16	Invoices: 1393428- TNR#24; 139429- TNR#25; 1393409- TNR#26	
2/13/2024				\$717.76	\$50,014.92	Clark \$40; Ross \$25 membership/\$10 donation; Sizemeore \$22; Machado \$10; Scotiabank \$500; America Online \$110.76
2/14/2024	3468	Cynthia Kelly	-\$143.92	\$49,871.00	Inkjet cardtidges/ paper for pirnting fliers and newsletter- receipt #10	
2/16/2024	3469	Home Depot	-\$89.53	\$49,781.47	Cleaning supplies, zip ties, trash bags- stroage unit clean out	
2/22/2024	3470	Merced Mini Storage	-\$234.75	\$49,546.72	Prepaid 2nd storage area for yard sale- C44	
2/26/2024	3471	Frank Cienfuegos	-\$30.00	\$49,516.72	Reimbursement for gas spend picking up items for yard sale	
2/25/2024	3472	Cynthia Kelly	-\$225.70	\$49,291.02	Cat food for feeders- receipt#11	
2/26/2024	3473	Cynthia Kelly	-\$10.95	\$49,280.07	Andres Garcia- foster supplies- (Lady)- receipt#12	
2/26/2024	3474	Wm J Koenig Inc	-\$500.00	\$48,780.07	2023 Tax preparation services	
TOTAL			-\$6,307.48			

SPCA ESTATE AND YARD SALE

FINANCIALS

Merced SPCA YARD Sale

3/1 PRE-SALE

REVENUE

Item - Dress Form	\$15.00
Item- 5 dining chairs	\$25.00
Item- Schwinn Bike	\$20.00
Item- Cow Cookie Jar	\$5.00
Item- Oak Cabinet/Hutch	\$60.00
Item- Treadmill	\$40.00
Item- LED lamp	\$15.00

TOTAL REVENUE **\$180.00**

REVENUE

5/4 YARD SALE

Cash
Venmo
Paypal

TOTAL REVENUE

Merced SPCA Inkind Tracking

February 2024

February 2024								
2/6/2024	Mitchell	Verdin#31 Foster/Medical Care						\$60.00
2/7/2024	Fagundes	Trap/Transport-TNR#25/25			2		\$15.00	\$30.00
2/7/2024	Cienfuegos	Trap/Transport- TNR#26			2		\$15.00	\$30.00
2/12/2024	Pineda	Trap/Transport-TNR#23			2		\$15.00	\$30.00
2/15/2024	Pulcher	Trap/Transport-TNR#27			2		\$15.00	\$30.00
2/15/2024	Kelly	Drop Box monthly fee						\$11.99
2/20/2024	Pulcher	Trap/Transport-TNR#28			2			\$30.00
2/29/2024	Cienfuegos	Monthly foster supplies- 4 fosters						\$60.00
2/29/2024	Hillhouse	Monthly foster supplies- 2 fosters						\$60.00
2/29/2024	Boehm	Monthly foster supplies- 1 foster						\$60.00
2/29/2024	Kelly	Monthly foster supplies-1 foster						\$60.00
2/29/2024	Andres	Monthly foster supplies- 1 foster						\$60.00
2/29/2024	Lambert	Colony feeding and care			29		\$15.00	\$435.00
2/29/2024	Cienfuegos	Colony feeding and care			58		\$15.00	\$870.00
2/29/2024	Hoffman	Colony feeding and care			58		\$15.00	\$870.00
2/29/2024	Hayen	Colony feeding and care			29		\$15.00	\$435.00
2/29/2024	Pineda	Colony feeding and care			58		\$15.00	\$870.00
2/29/2024	Lau	Colony feeding and care			62		\$15.00	\$870.00
2/29/2024	Kelly	Colony feeding and care			29		\$15.00	\$435.00
TOTAL								\$5,306.99

MERCED SPCA CATS IN FOSTER as of 2/29/2024

Date	ID#	Foster	Description/Notes
11/8/2023	FOSTER#5 (Cienfuegos #75)	Sandy	Name: Gracie - female 9 month old- tabby
11/8/2023	FOSTER#7 (Cienfuegos#74)	Sandy	Name: Oreo - female 9 month old, black & white
11/8/2023	FOSTER#6 (Cienfuegos #76)	Sandy	Name: Cooper - male, 9 month old- gray
11/15/2023 1/20/2024	Foster#21	Kelly	Name: Chunk - male, orange- 14 yrs old In FOSPICE w/ Rita Boehmer- 490 E. S Bear Creek, Merced, CA
1/15/2024	Foster#26	Jamie	Name: Chili - grey male -9 months old
1/15/2024	Foster#27	Jamie	Name: Smokey - grey male - 9 months old
11/28/2023	Verdin #398	Sandy	Name: Zoe - female, tabby, 9 months
10/10/2023	Foster#31 Verdin#306	Cindy	Name: Murphy - black long hair female, 9 months old
2/26/2024	Foster#32	Andres	Name: Lady - 6 months old, black/white tabby- NB foster- missed transport

MERCED SPCA CATS SENT TO RESCUE for 2/2024

2/20/2024	Childers#7	Spayed	Milo Foundation, Richmond, CA	female, grey/white- 3 yrs old sent to rescue with New Beginnings
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MERCED SPCA TNRs/MEDICALS for 2/2024

Date	SPCA ID	Trapper	Colony	Vet	Combo	FeLV	FVRCP	Rabies	Altered	Description
2/6/2024	Verdin#341	Christina	Dylan Court	Valley AH		8/6/2023	8/6/2023	8/6/2023	Neutered	Male, black & white- 1 yr.- gunshot; shattered spine- EUTHANIZED
2/7/2024	TNR#24	Renie	Fagundes	Santa Fe	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	Spayed	Female, tabby- 6 months, spay, vaccinated
2/7/2024	TNR#25	Renie	Fagundes	Santa Fe	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	Spayed	Female, tabby, 6 months, spay, vaccinated
2/7/2024	TNR#26	Frank	Applegate	Santa Fe	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	2/7/2024	Spayed	Black, female, 6 months, spay, vaccinated
2/12/2024	TNR#23	Daniela	UC Merced	Santa Fe	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	2/12/2024	Spayed	Black, female 1.5 yrs; spayed, vaccinated
2/15/2024	TNR#27	Sherman	San Clemente	Valley AH	2/15/2024	2/15/2024	2/15/2024	2/15/2024	Spayed	Grey, female, 2 yrs old, spayed, vaccinated
2/20/2024	TNR#28	Sherman	San Clemente	Valle AH	2/20/2024	2/20/2024	2/20/2024	2/20/2024	Spayed	Femal, blk&white- 9 mos-spayed, vaccinated
3/4/2024	TNR#37	Frank	Applegate	Valley AH	3/4/2024					Female- dilute calico- 7 mos old- hit by car- EUTHANIZED
3/4/2024	TNR#29	Lynette K		Valley AH	3/4/2024	3/4/2024	3/4/2024	3/4/2024	Neutered	Male 6 mos old, neutered, vaccinated, microchip
3/4/2024	TNR#30	Lynette K		Valley AH	3/4/2024	3/4/2024	3/4/2024	3/4/2024	Neutered	Male 6 mos old, neutered, vaccinated, microchip

Merced SPCA BOARD – Secretary- Lyrical Adam Candidate # 1

Hello, My name is Lyric Adam and my main focus for the animals in my community is Cats.

Cats are just what I foster and help out the most as there are more opportunities for dogs than cats. That being said, I still care and love for dogs as well. I have the biggest and most passionate heart for the love and safety of all the animals in my community and around the world. I know for a fact that my activism, experience, and skills for animals will one day create the change my hometown community has been needing. I attached my resume to learn more about me, but for now, here is my experience working with just animals.

Since I was little I have always had a huge heart for animals and following in my parent's footsteps of fostering cats. I took youth classes at the Santa Fe Pet Hospital to learn about medications, animals with disabilities, and basic care for animals and I was introduced to a dog with parvo to learn all about that. As I got older I spread my activism in the media by promoting awareness for animal safety in the Youth Media Academy, and journalism groups WE'Ced, where we created published newspapers and media articles about the issues we face in Merced.

I am positive with my media experience I can raise awareness about the animals at the SPCA and raise donations from my media. I have fostered over 15 cats in 2023 on my own with no help from any organization. I had rescued two boxes of 5 dumped kittens in each that still needed milk. I am well worked around nursing a kitten with a bottle and I know the right formulas at the right prices. As of right now, I can only accept one foster cat at a time as I am now back in school for my B.A. in Elementary Education. I continue to care for the colonies around my apartment complex, and I am always on the lookout out where my help is needed for these cats. I plan with the awareness I can raise on social media, we can get more cats adopted through working with New Beginnings distribution to families outside of our community. I am also an Inducted Member of the NSLS Honor Society. Again my resume is attached to learn a little more about me, my skills, and what I do :) Thank you so much!

Child Development Educator
B.A. Elementary Education
(209) 445-5522

Merced SPCA BOARD – Secretary- Josie Ascencio Candidate # 2

Hi there! My name is Josie Ascencio, and I've always had a deep connection with animals, stemming from my childhood days of caring for feral and stray cats. Since 2018, I've been actively involved in fostering and rescuing cats with the Merced Humane Society, having successfully found loving homes for three feral cats just last year.

In addition to fostering, I believe in the importance of maintaining cat colonies, and currently, I oversee one with neighbors in the Merced Ave Condo Community, where we care for over 30 cats and kittens, providing them with food and necessary medical attention through TNR programs with the Merced Animal Shelter waivers.

My dedication to animal welfare extends beyond cats, as I also dog sit and have fostered a dog with Kate's Animal Rescue. I'm experienced in administering medication to cats and have cared for blind cats, amputees, and skin issues such as ring worm and allergies.

I'm truly passionate about making a difference in the lives of animals, and I'm committed to providing them with the love and care they deserve.

Thank you

Josie Ascencio

Merced SPCA BOARD – Secretary- Kristen Bacharowski Candidate #3

2/26/2024

Dear Ms. Kelly -

I am writing to express my interest in the Secretary position currently vacant with Merced SPCA.

I am a passionate advocate for the humane and sane care and management of Merced's community cats (and other animals). Currently, I am the chosen mom to a clouder of 6 community cats - 2 females, and 1 male and 3 of the females' respective offspring. This is in addition to taking in 2 other community cats (my indoor cats) from a local restaurant. In a community where cats are largely viewed as a nuisance, but with little assistance to manage them, I have independently cared for two females through their pregnancies and their kittens, ensuring that after gestation, all of them have been spayed or neutered to prevent future pregnancies. I have found good homes for 3 other community cats/kittens, searching high and low to provide forever homes to them.

Serendipitously, I appear to have met your membership coordinator/former president, Florence, years ago when I first moved to Merced six years ago and allowed her to place a TNR trap on my property.

In my spare time, I work as a Speech Language Pathologist in the Delhi Unified School District. This position affords me ample free time I am looking to fill with a worthy cause.

I believe I can bring my passion, drive and previous experience to be a valuable member of the Board, serving as Secretary.

Sincerely,

Kristen Bacharowski