

South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting
March 17, 2005
910 S. Michigan Ave. #716

Present: Gail Merritt (GM), Beth Schipke (BS), Mike Schipke (MS), Kristine Lyons (KL), Mary Gwanda (MG), Stephanie Shapiro-Berkson (SSB), Stephanie Daugherty (SD)

Key: initials in italics indicate who acted or motioned/seconded

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 p.m. *GM*
2. **Approval of Agenda:** *GM/BS*
3. **Approval of March 2, 2005 board meeting minutes:** *GM/BS*
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Total 2005 Income: \$5,366.11, Total 2005 Expense: \$1,687.31, Net Income: \$3,678.80
5. **President's Report - *GM***
 - A. **Spin off status:** SLN has been consulting with someone on this issue. Nothing further may happen until we receive our tax-exempt status. .
 - B. **501 C 3:** Application is filed. Timeframe for notification can be between six days and six weeks. Once we receive the letter we can apply for state tax-exempt status.
 - C. **Insurance:** Check for insurance policy will be sent this week.
 - D. **Book Fair:** Ryan Siegal has expressed interest in participating in this year's book fair (June 11-12). GM has communicated he would be in charge of organizing and running the booth.
 - E. **Conflict of Interest Policy:** Law firm has advised us to adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy. The motion was made to adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy with final wording to be determined. *BS/SD*
6. **D.I.G.S. – Garage sale planning:** We reviewed the volunteer schedule, pick-ups, delivery and all details for the day. We agreed to rent a cargo van and have Larry Young and helpers do the pick-ups and deliveries. We will charge \$10 for item delivery. We need plywood or cardboard to cover Dogone Fun's new rubber floor.
7. **Benefit Events:**
 - A. **Bar Louie** – Event to be held Friday, April 22, 2005 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm (open bar 6:00 – 8:00). We will collect some silent auction items. We need someone to help coordinate the auction items, write descriptions and create an auction book. GM will finalize date with Bar Louie. Cost: \$35 per person
 - B. **Duffy's** – SSB still investigating
8. **Dogs of the South Loop Calendar:** We are still researching having the printing donated or deeply discounted. (GM & SSB) BS spoke to Sherrie the pet photographer – she would be willing to take the pictures for \$50 per dog, which would include a 5 x 7 print. GM will also talk to Remy Mills about taking the pictures. We decided to auction off one of the calendar months at our Bar Louie event. We can also promote the calendar at the event. Still determining if this is a good fundraising activity.

9. **Membership Campaign/Membership Database Update:** MS will enter all information into data base and create a report for KL to use for thank you letters.
10. **Website:** BS has made some updates to ensure all pages are current.
11. **New Business:** Printing – SSB will print some stationery/envelopes. Once we obtain 501 C 3 status we want to add this line to the bottom of the stationery – “We are a 501 C 3 organization.”
Bash on Wabash : August 6 – 7 – We agreed to participate and would like to have some kind of free giveaway.
12. **Next board meeting time & place:** April 14, 2005, Open Board Meeting at Police Station 17th & State, 6:30 p.m. (any members of the South Loop Dog P.A.C. may attend)
13. **Meeting adjourned:** 9:14 p.m. *MS/SD*