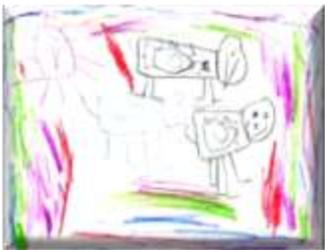




Happy Spring! You know it's spring when the **flamingos** migrate through. And they're here! PHA's month-long flocking fundraiser has begun. For a \$10 donation you can "flock" a friend or neighbor, sending a flock of 12 pink flamingos to their yard for a day. Susan Harai's Girl Scouts have volunteered to help the birds find their new digs every day. If you end up with the birds in your yard, we'll accept a \$10 donation to remove them (although we'll remove them anyway if you don't want to donate). And if you don't want the pink flock in your yard at all (or if you fear retribution), you can buy anti-flock insurance for \$15. This fundraiser is going so well we've contacted a couple other flocks and invited them to stop and rest here as they fly by in a couple weeks. (This flock is booked for all but part of one week and people are being restricted to only one "flockee" now.)



There's also a **Kids Art Contest** going on under PHA sponsorship. Kids from pre-school to High School are urged to draw or paint their favorite pet and enter it by April 12th to win very nice prizes donated by local merchants. The pictures will be displayed in windows downtown for the week of April 13-19. Judging will be by the public and it'll be the best election money can buy. Each vote costs \$1 and you can vote as often as you like. The entrant in each of 5 age groups with the most "votes" wins. We also have a grand prize for "Best of Show." All the proceeds go to PHA to help the animals of Petersburg.



PHA's annual membership meeting is **April 20, Saturday, at 7 p.m. in the Moose basement**. The kids' pictures will be displayed there for the final chance to vote, and winners will be announced at the meeting. Waterways Vet Clinic has donated a free pet exam as a door prize, so you adults have a chance to win a nice prize, too. The board will provide light refreshments. **AND** we'll have a business meeting to discuss - briefly - what your Association board has been doing and what we hope to do in the future. One thing we've done is review our bylaws and recommended some housekeeping changes, which need membership approval. Another thing we've done is recruit a slate of candidates to run to fill the six seats which are open this year. If you haven't been contacted but would like to run (two seats are for only one year terms to fill unexpired terms, if that makes it easier), please contact Merrily Jones at 772-3136 by no later than Wednesday, April 10.

And speaking of **elections** - this year we want to give our members a chance to study both the bylaw changes and the slate of candidates before the meeting. To save paper and postage, we're asking you if you would like to **receive the proposed bylaw changes and a proxy ballot by electronic mail** rather than snail mail. If you haven't already responded, please reply to this message to let us know. The bylaws require at least 7 days notice for bylaw changes, so we'll mail out bylaws and ballots on April 12.

Of course, the other hot topic the board has been working on is our proposed **new shelter** at the dog park. We have a design we think will provide comfortable living spaces for the animals, efficient work spaces for their caregivers, office and storage space and a small conference room for meetings and for people to meet with prospective adoptees one-on-one. Estimates put the construction cost at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. That's a lot of money to raise, and we're definitely looking at ways both to lower the cost and to raise however much money we will ultimately need. You can see from these pictures that our current buildings are in need of replacement. This project is going to be the focus of much of the board's attention for the coming year. Please share any ideas you have with any of us! Bend our ear at the meeting, give us a call, stop us on the street. All of our ideas together are better than any of our ideas alone.



Finally, **still looking for homes are:**



Tobias
Neutered male



Baily
Spayed female

Your PHA Board:

Merrily Jones, President
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 Denise Galli, Secretary
 Rhoda Gilbert, Treasurer
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Membership Categories:

Friends of Animals (under 18, over 64).....\$ 15
 Adults.....\$ 25
 Family.....\$ 40
 Corporate.....\$100

Adoption Fees:

Cats\$35
 Dogs\$50

Board meetings are held in the Scandia House Conference Room at 5:15 on the third Wednesday of each month. You are invited to attend.