

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board  
January 23, 2020**

**Board Members present:** Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Matt Friere, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Sam Marcus, Jaime Rice, Ray Smith, Rodney Williams

**Board Members absent:** Billie Dollins, Leo Haggerty

**Officers present:** Diana Taylor

**Staff present:** Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrell, Jean Unglaub

**Volunteers present:** Theresa Bennett, Bill Klier, Sharon Parrish

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The meeting convened at 5:32 p.m.

The board extended its condolences to City Commissioner Scott Tippett in the passage of his father.

**Committee Reports**

**Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)**

- Report attached as part of record.
- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- The shelter census as of today is 97.
- Feline Frenzy is continuing through January 31. This has been a successful undertaking, emptying the kitten room, which is being cleaned and painted.
- 69 cats have already been signed up for the All the Cats spay/neutering service that is being provided this year. By way of comparison, 313 cats were spayed/neutered during the entirety of last year. Dr. Eckerd is scheduled to do surgeries two days a month. It is being emphasized that the service is for owned cats.
- Dr. Pizano has secured \$200,000 for the Bluegrass Area Development District for a return to field program; some of the funding is contingent upon ordinance changes, which appear to be agreeable to local government. Franklin County's share of the funds would be up to \$10,000.
- Regarding the euthanasia statistics, 29 were for behavioral reasons and 94 were for health reasons. This is just at half of the figure from last year, a point to be proud of.
- The Humane Society has received a \$1,000 grant to send Lori McIntire and Christina Alves to a special training program on dog and cat fostering. Lori is taking on the role as foster coordinator as a volunteer.

**Volunteers (Jean Unglaub)**

- Report attached as part of record.

## **Financials**

- The FYE 6-30-19 IRS 990 tax return; Agreed Upon Procedures report and compiled financial statements are included as part of record and were emailed to board members in advance of the meeting. The tax return and AUP report were approved on a motion by Fred Deaton, second by Ray Smith. President Marcus will sign and mail the tax return.

## **Thrift Store (Terri Sorrel)**

- Report included as part of record.
- An antique quilt that was brought to the store was donated to the Capitol Museum, where it will be exhibited with contextual information.
- Some lighting improvements are needed in the store.
- President Marcus noted that the three-year lease expires at the end of February and this will be brought to the attention of the landlord.
- Rodney Williams moved, and Fred Deaton seconded, to communicate the intent to pursue a renewal of the lease under the current terms and conditions. (Subsequent communication from the landlord is included as part of the record.)

## **TNR (Gae Broadwater)**

- Report included as part of record.
- TNR reached a milestone in early January with the spaying of the 3,000<sup>th</sup> cat.

## **Fundraising – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Waiters' Dinner**

- Volunteer Sharon Parrish reported that planning is underway and the CWD committee has held two meetings.
- The dinner is earlier this year – on April 4, 2020.
- A tentative decision has been made to use the entire Country Club this year to provide more exhibit space for the silent auction.
- The committee has decided not to pursue online bidding this year.
- A donated week at a condo on Sanibel Island will be raffled; 150 \$20 tickets are to be sold.

## **Membership (Betsy Kennedy)**

- Report included as part of record.

## **President's Report (Sam Marcus)**

- The minutes of the December 30, 2019, board meeting were amended to correct the spelling of the last name of Dewey and Dorothy Reeves, whose estate included a bequest to the Humane Society.
- The minutes of the January 7, 2020, special board meeting were amended to remove John Hibbard's name from the list of members present and to add language to the section on the board discussion with City Manager Keith Parker and Judge-Executive Huston Wells to reflect Mr. Parker's suggestion that the city could possibly provide temporary, part-time staff during a transition from the existing shelter to a facility at the State Journal building.
- The amended minutes of the December 30, 2019, board meeting and the January 7, 2020, special board meeting were approved on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith.
- President Marcus provided an update on discussions with the city and county regarding support for the shelter and related developments. This included:
  - Upcoming Fiscal Court and City Commission meetings where information on the amended FCHS plans will be shared (overview document included as part of the record). This information will be sent to the local officials in advance of their meetings.

- A comparison of the footprint of the existing facility, the original proposal and the amended proposal (document included as part of the record).
- Elements of a new shelter that would be part of what would become phase two, such as the sally port.
- The subsequent board discussion included the following comments:
  - The level of funding from the local governments will determine how much more FCHS has to raise.
  - If inadequate funds from the local governments slow the fundraising process, weather could become an issue in slowing construction and the timeline could change.
  - It is hoped that in-kind work will be done early as part of the site preparation.
  - The board hopes to announce the initiation of the capital campaign at the April 4, 2020, Celebrity Waiters' Dinner. The campaign committee could act quickly once it is known what level of support the city and county governments will provide.
  - The capital campaign will involve the identification of possible individuals, businesses and organizations that could contribute; the development of marketing pieces with a more detailed package prepared for larger donors; the consultants could help with the marketing work.
  - Current campaign committee members include Gae Broadwater, Leslie Driskell, John Hibbard, Bill Klier, Sam Marcus, Randy Smith and Rodney Williams. Billie Dollins will be asked to join the committee.

The board went into executive session at 6:58 p.m. The session concluded, no additional action was taken, and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.