

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
February 27, 2020**

Board Members present: Fred Deaton, Billie Dollins, Leslie Driskell, Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

Board Members absent: Jamie Rice, Rodney Williams

Officers present: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff present: Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrell

Volunteers present: Bill Klier, Sharon Parrish

The meeting convened at 5:35 p.m.

The board extended its condolences to the family of C. Michael Davenport, noting that his death is a big loss to the community and that he had been a strong friend and supporter of the Franklin County Humane Society.

Committee Reports

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Report attached as part of record.
- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- There were 75 cat adoptions in January; this compares to 42 in January of 2019.
- Surgery was performed on 70 dogs during spay days. A great group of volunteers have helped with these surgeries.
- Scheduling is already underway for May under the All The Cats program; 123 have been signed up for neutering so far.
- A significant development in January: a 98% live release rate! Another high release rate is expected in February.
- Shelter Manager Kerry Lowary, Board President Sam Marcus, Dr. Pizano, City Manager Keith Parker and City Solicitor Laura Ross have reviewed city ordinances related to animals. TNR was established five years ago as a pilot program, which expires April 27; the goal is to include it as a permanent part of the city ordinances. A number of other ordinance changes are being proposed. No opposition is expected.
- Lori McIntire and Christina Alves attended a fostering program in Charleston and will attend the March board meeting to share information about it.
- The Humane Society has received a \$2,500 spay/neuter grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture – the maximum amount possible.
- The cost of vaccines is increasing, as is that of personal protection supplies. The supplies are becoming less available because of the demand related to the coronavirus situation.
- President Marcus commended Shelter Manager Lowary and her staff for their incredible work. Among the many activities and accomplishments:
 - Working with local governments to secure support for the new shelter
 - 98% release rate in January
 - Celebrity Waiters' Dinner & Silent Auction planning
 - Donations are up by almost \$14,000 over the same period last year

Volunteers (Jean Unglaub)

- Report attached as part of record.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- Reports included as part of record.
- Assets totaled \$1,287,31941 in December.
- Assets totaled \$1,337,833.43 in January.
- Both the December and January reports were approved on a motion by John Hibbard, seconded by Fred Deaton.

Thrift Store (Terri Sorrel)

- Net sales in January totaled \$6,587; \$350 was received in donations.
- Staff is down by one, as of January 31.
- The number of storage units has been decreased by one. Appreciation was expressed to Larry Sorrell for his work in moving everything into one storage unit.
- President Marcus reported that the lease on the thrift store is now \$1,500 (up from \$1,200) with annual renewal instead of every three years. The impact this fiscal year is \$1,200; next year, the impact would be \$2,400, depending on what happens with the lease at that time.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report included as part of record.
- March Madness for TNR, a key fundraising project, is getting underway.

Fundraising – 8th Annual Celebrity Waiters' Dinner

- Invitations are to be prepared this week.
- The Sanibel Island condo will be the prize in a raffle. Tickets are available for \$20, cash or check only, at New Leash on Life. 150 tickets will be sold, and the drawing will take place April 4 at the CWD.

Membership (Betsy Kennedy)

- Report included as part of record.

Financials (John Hibbard)

- A review of the Humane Society's investment accounts found reductions due to recent market volatility.
- A recommendation that the level of investment in the market for the new building account be reduced to 85-15 was approved on a motion by Sam Marcus, seconded by Matt Freire.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- The minutes of the January 23, 2020, board meeting were amended to correct a typographical error in the name of Dr. Eckert. The amended minutes were approved on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard.
- The City Commission has agreed to provide \$1 million in support for the new shelter. Several details remain to be worked out, including ownership of the property and any in-kind services to be provided.
- FCHS representatives will meet March 2 at the Carpenter Farm site with Franklin Fiscal Court representatives to determine what in-kind work the county could perform as part of its support.
- FCHS currently is on the Fiscal Court's meeting agenda on March 16. Some Fiscal Court members have mentioned support in the amount of \$750,000. There could be up to \$200,000 worth of in-kind work at the site.
- FCHS also received more detailed estimates for the project from a professional estimator. The bottom line is FCHS had been anticipating a \$1 million capital campaign, but the campaign now will need to be for \$1.5 million. The cost differences are attributed to higher construction estimates and a \$450,000 contingency fund. Work is underway

with the consultant to have an information piece – probably a brochure – ready for the Celebrity Waiters' Dinner, when the campaign will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.