

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board  
Zoom Meeting  
April 22, 2021**

**Board Members participating:** Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, John Hibbard, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

**Board Members not participating:** Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Rodney Williams

**Officers participating:** Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

**Staff participating:** Kerry Lowary, Terri Lynn Smith

**Volunteers/Guests participating:** Debra Graner

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The meeting convened via Zoom at 5:36 p.m.

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

- The March board meeting minutes were approved without objection on a motion by John Hibbard, seconded by Fred Deaton.

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

- Shelter stats included as part of record.
- Operations are all under one roof again with work completed on painting, floor restoration and cabinets; a small amount of additional work remains to be done. Debris that washed into the yard during the flood will be removed by local emergency management/solid waste workers. The old FEMA trailer will be partially scrapped; the trailer section will be sold and FCHS will receive the proceeds.
- Lakeview Park is being considered for the rabies vaccination clinic.
- Current census is 46 cats, including 14 kittens in foster homes; and 44 dogs, with seven leaving April 23 for rescue.
- The flood insurance claim has been settled; FCHS received \$44,711.25 for building damage and \$11,152.52 for contents.
- The biggest expense to date has been floor preparation and painting. Capital City Painting has done a great job. There also will be large expenses for Servepro's work and for the cat building.
- President Marcus recognized Bill Klier's work on the recovery; the board extends its appreciation to him.
- Shelter Manager Lowary met with the executive director of the Kentucky Colonels, Sherry Crose, for a grant interview. The Colonels had 364 applications this year for \$2.1 million; the FCHS application for \$32,000 was among the higher ones, and the Colonels typically don't fund that much. Ms. Crose said they are impressed with FCHS' fundraising and the state of the society's finances in general.
- FCHS has received \$15,000 from Petco Love, formerly the Petco Foundation.
- Shelter Manager Lowary met with individuals who recently formed a cyber security firm that will provide a grant for FCHS security, including the thrift store, clinic and email, and make suggestions for improvements. The credit card terminal at the thrift store was cloned within the past two months; fraud detection caught it and shut down the terminal.
- President Marcus and Shelter Manager Lowary have met with KNB and designers for an initial design planning meeting and extensive discussion on the shelter areas and

materials. A meeting to discuss caging for dog and cat intake and adoption areas also has been held. Additional meetings will focus on equipment needs.

- President Marcus noted that the process now is to determine what contractors might be interested in the work. KNB sent a letter on FCHS' behalf to 11 contractors; to date, six have expressed an interest in bidding. A meeting next week will begin narrowing the list of contractors.

#### **New Leash on Life (Terri Lynn Smith)**

- Report included as part of record.
- Having the shop open Tuesday through Thursday has helped with sales, which average \$400 to \$500 daily on those days.
- Six raffle tickets for the Sanibel Island condo have been sold.
- Ethan Branscum, a young supporter, has asked to come to the store and conduct interviews and take photos to showcase the shop on his Facebook page.
- The pet parade originally planned for April 11 has been put on hold, as has a planned radio-a-thon to raise funds.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)**

- There are no figures from Charles T. Mitchell for the report this month.
- President Marcus reported that the recent hack of city computers delayed the city's payment to FCHS.

#### **Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)**

- As of today, there is \$1,934,543 in the new building fund.
- Letters are being sent to top income households in the county; now is the time to ask for their support.
- The committee is exploring what it could raise from an online bourbon raffle; these are gaining in popularity among nonprofits. Currently, there are six raffles online, so it could be better if FCHS waits a month or two.
- A discussion was held about the need for a full gaming license to conduct the raffle. Ray Smith noted that the ABC will want social security numbers and background checks of individuals involved.
- President Marcus reported on a meeting with the Kentucky Distillers Association and their willingness to participate by donating bottles to the raffle.
- President Marcus thanked Deb Graner for organizing the trash pickup fundraiser, which raised \$1,500.
- Leslie Driskell reported that Feeders Supply has agreed to once again be the main sponsor for Trails for Tails; this will generate \$2,000.
- Shelter Manager Lowary reported that Bourbon Charity is conducting its Derby fundraiser, and FCHS is once again among the five charities that will receive the proceeds.

#### **TNR (Gae Broadwater)**

- Report included as part of record.
- Shelter Manager Lowary reported that TNR is back to one clinic a month for a couple of months; numbers are down, which is good. 530 spay/neuter surgeries have been conducted since the first of the year, including TNR.

#### **Membership (Betsy Kennedy)**

- Report included as part of the record.

**Nominating (Fred Deaton)**

- On behalf of the nominations committee Fred Deaton submitted eight applicants for the board of directors for the May election. Two board members are nominated for re-election, six applicants are nominated for two board vacancies consisting of one new three-year term and one two-year term balance remaining.

On a motion by John Hibbard, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.