

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
By Teleconference
May 28, 2020**

Board Members participating: Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty, John Hibbard, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

Board Members not participating: Billie Dollins, Keeuna King, Jaime Rice, Rodney Williams

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrell, Jean Unglaub

Volunteers participating: Gae Broadwater, Bill Klier, Lori Macintire

The meeting convened by telephone at 5:35 p.m.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard, the minutes of the April 23, 2020, meeting were approved without objection.
- The Frankfort City Commission approved a one-year extension of the city's contract with the Franklin County Humane Society at the commission's May 18 meeting. The contract expires at the end of June 2021.
- Franklin County paid FCHS its obligation under the service contract for dealing with the Adams Lane dogs; the total was \$5,700.
- FCHS is using the former health department building at 231 East Main St. for Trap-Neuter-Return and low-cost community spay/neuter surgeries. The air conditioning has stopped working, and it is understood that the cost of the repair would be substantial. Board members discussed possibly using portable, ductless air conditioning units to lower the cost. This will be investigated further by staff.
- The annual meeting will be held June 28, 2020, and a live Facebook virtual meeting is being considered. That approach will be studied further. FCHS will have the ability to promote the meeting well through the membership mailing of 3,000 letters and media partners. A capital campaign brochure will be included in the membership mailing.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- The April stats are slightly skewed due to the suspension of most intakes except for strays and emergencies; the intake of the Adams Lane dogs was the most significant development. Three of those dogs gave birth to 27 puppies. All puppies and 15 adults were transferred to rescues.
- Jeanine Slone did an amazing job moving many of the dogs to rescues within a week of the previous owner relinquishing them to FCHS on April 29.
- Spay/neuter surgeries resumed on April 23 after approval by the state Board of Veterinary Examiners. The team worked every Thursday, Friday and Sunday for the rest of April and through May 17. This enabled the backlog to be cleared, and new registrations for spay/neuter surgeries are once again being accepted. TNR surgeries are being performed two Sundays a month.
- Adoptions are going well. Five to 10 kittens are arriving each day; most are adopted before they have surgery. About 15 kittens are still in foster; they will be old enough for surgery in a couple of weeks.
- FCHS did not receive the ASPCA grant; another grant is pending and a couple more are coming up soon.

- 19 Adams Lane dogs remain with FCHS.
- Donations have been strong in response to the Adams Lane dog situation and operating during the pandemic. Between April 1 and May 23, donations of \$43,000 were received, and more than half were from new, first-time donors. Several organizations and foundations made donations. Last year at this time, donations totaled \$60,000 including the Celebrity Waiters' Dinner. Without CWD income this spring, the donation level is significant, and the community has provided important support.
- The staff appreciated the bonuses awarded by the board; President Marcus noted that the bonuses were well deserved.
- President Marcus also noted that he and Kerry Lowary found that Facebook fundraising proceeds were being directed to a retired FCHS bank account. That has been corrected, and FCHS expects to receive about \$9,000 soon

Volunteers (Jean Unglaub)

- Report included as part of the record.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- The latest report will be available soon

Committee Reports

Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)

- The brochure is being finalized; the architects assisted in developing this. The board, on a motion by John Hibbard and second by Sam Marcus, approved spending \$3,500 to print 5,000 brochures. These will be included in the membership mailing, and other letters that will be sent to potential individual and business donors.
- As of the end of business on May 23, 2020, the building fund totaled \$1,169,093.00

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report included as part of the record.
- FCHS has caught up, for the most part, on the TNR surgery schedule.
- Learning how to rethink how clinics are conducted has allowed a reduction in the number of volunteers needed. This also provided a way to work through some issues and redesign how TNR is done.
- Most of the TNR cats are currently coming from Franklin County.
- There could be issues related to the use of the building at 231 East Main St. if the county relinquishes the space.
- The city TNR ordinance appears to be in good shape.

Fundraising (Sam Marcus)

- Discussions will resume soon about the Celebrity Waiters' Dinner. October 3 is the date, but there are still concerns about whether a large gathering will be possible because of the pandemic. Information has been distributed to the CWD committee about possibly holding a virtual gala.
- Contents for the membership mailer are being finalized; that will be distributed as soon as possible.

Thrift Store (Terri Sorrel)

- General sales for April totaled \$1,193.
- Donations were \$54.
- New building fund donations were \$406.
- The store opened April 1 for curbside delivery only.
- Staff and seven volunteers have been working six days a week. Donations are coming in steadily. There is a significant need for more volunteers.
- The store is now open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and accepting donations on those days and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- All city and state guidelines for conducting business are being followed.

Membership (Betsy Kennedy)

- Report included as part of record.

Nominating Committee (Fred Deaton)

- Upon a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Matt Freire, Randy Smith was elected to fill a vacant board position and John Hibbard and Ray Smith were re-elected without objection. All will serve three-year terms.
- Upon a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Leslie Driskell, President Sam Marcus, Vice President John Hibbard, Treasurer Cheryl Broyles and Secretary Diana Taylor were re-elected by acclamation.

Old Business (Sam Marcus)

- A budget is to be presented at the June board meeting. President Marcus and Kerry Lowary will develop this. Because of the uncertainties caused this year by the pandemic, it is likely that the new budget will be an expansion of the current budget with some adjustments.
- The evaluation of the managers is due in June. After a brief discussion, it was decided that John Hibbard, Cheryl Broyles and Sam Marcus will conduct the evaluations.
- Leslie Driskell reported that the Trails for Tails race is still being planned for September at this point, although it could end up being a virtual event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.