

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Annual Meeting
By Facebook Live and Zoom
June 28, 2020**

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

Board Members not participating: Keeuna King, Rodney Williams

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Christine Alves, Kendra Cantrell Coyle, Cheryl Douthitt, Ashley Nicole Gay, Kerry Lowary, Teresa Masters, Eric Alexander McKee, Jean Unglaub

Others participating: Gae Broadwater, Betsy Kennedy, Bill Klier, Lori Macintire, Chanda Veno, Theresa Bennett, Bill Macintire, Teresa Kays, Betty Walker, Ellen Nolan, Barbara Murray, Autumn Gayhart, Carolyn Baltimore, Phyllis Payne, Val Heines, Olisa Quite, Janet Felts, Tom Bowman, Craig Blanton, Lula Mechelle, Ellen Raine, Susan French, Georgia Okerman, Jill Williams, Maggie Mills, Geneva Smith, Amo Brandt, Janet Felts, Lauren Bailey, Ruth Webb, Joni Nelson, Diane Robinson, Eileen Hogan, Julie Ronca Terrell, Jenny Bardorff, Jamie Smoot, Susan Banks Tetterton, Taylor Downs, Carla Mechelle, Mary Sexton Buniff, Janice Foster-Jackson, Patti Cross, Ann Brandt

Total number of participants: 61. The meeting convened at 1 p.m. on Facebook Live. The business session was conducted via Zoom.

The business meeting was preceded by a presentation on plans for the new shelter by President Sam Marcus and Shelter Manager Kerry Lowary who provided details on the building design and elements that will provide better care for the animals while allowing greater access for people to come in and meet the animals. All spaces of the shelter have been designed to provide best practices for animal care and control.

President Marcus provided a review of the FCHS' process leading to the current status of shelter planning. The new facility is to be located on the Carpenter Farm site at the end of Flynn Ave., off the East-West Connector.

The fundraising process also was reviewed:

- The impetus for the effort was a bequest of \$285,000 from the estate of Jean Gravitt.
- Other large donations included:
 - \$150,000 from the estate of Hazel Arnold
 - \$100,000 donated by Jim Parks in honor and memory of his wife, Laura Morrison
 - \$500,000 from Richard and Anna Marie Rosen
- Support from the City of Frankfort -- \$1 million
- Support from Franklin County Fiscal Court -- \$800,000
- FCHS has begun a Capital Campaign to raise an additional \$1.6 million.
- The best contact for inquiries is: fchscapitalcampaign@gmail.com. Donations can be made online at fchsanimals.org.
- An announcement was made that, since the capital campaign began, \$100,000 has been pledged or received toward the \$1.6 million goal.

Annual Meeting

Agenda incorporated as part of the record.

Shelter Manager's Annual Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Report included as part of the record.
- Staff members were identified as follows:
 - Christina Alves, Assistant Manager
 - Dog staff:
 - Cheryl Douthitt
 - Shaun Cunigan
 - Teresa Masters
 - Cat staff:
 - Taylor Downey
 - Ashley Gay
 - Kendra Cantrell-Coyle
 - Office staff – Eric McKee
 - Volunteer coordinator – Jean Unglaub
- Veterinarians:
 - Malinda Ferrell
 - Casey Eckert Kight
 - Frankfort Vet Clinic
 - Kimberly Smith, Cornerstone Animal Care
 - Veterinary Technicians:
 - Sara Salyers
 - Jessica Theriault
- Volunteer coordinators:
 - Jeanine Sloan – Rescues/Social Media
 - Gae Broadwater – TNR/Capital Campaign/Grants
 - Lori Macintire – Fosters/Spay/Neuter/TNR
 - Jill Williams – Cats/Social Media
 - Spay/Neuter volunteers:
 - Ray Smith, Sharon Parrish, Christy Mobley, Mary Quinan, Ruth Webb, Susan Preston
 - Shelter volunteers:
 - Bob Howell, Sharon Parrish, Christy Mobley, Mary Quinan, Theresa Bennett, Jennifer Johnson
- Animal intakes have declined slightly due to the pandemic restrictions, but generally the shelter takes in about 1,800 animals a year – 1,000 cats and 800 dogs.
- All the Cats program, made possible by a grant from the Bluegrass Area Development District and support from Richard and Anna Marie Rosen, resulted in a significant increase in the number of cats that were spayed or neutered – from 291 cats the last fiscal year to 408 in the current fiscal year. This did not include TNR cats.
- The year's most significant development was the rescue of a large number of dogs from an alleged dog fighting ring in Franklin County. Other agencies assisted on the day the dogs were seized, including the Anderson County and Woodford County humane societies and Tin Woof Inn.
- Goals for the coming months: placing in adoption the majority of kittens who are not yet ready and remain in fosters thanks to the help of many volunteers; continuing to work on keeping the current shelter operational; providing affordable and accessible rabies vaccination clinics, which are now under a number of restrictions, by early fall.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Jean Unglaub)

- Most volunteer activities have been suspended since mid-March due to the pandemic.
- The patience and perseverance of the volunteers has been greatly appreciated as they stay focused on potential fundraising, outreach and pet adoption activities that now will need to be rescheduled for later dates: Castle & Key (Tails and Cocktails); Liberty Hall (Barks and Brews) and W6 Farm (Bi-Monthly Yappy Hours).
- A shelter food and supply drive is being planned for Kroger Brighton Park on July 25 with the theme of "Dog & Cat Days of Summer." This will be an abbreviated event without adoptable pets due to the necessity of social distancing.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- The FCHS total assets as of March 31, 2020, were \$1,708,640. This compares to assets of \$1,093,446 as of March 31, 2019.

Capital Campaign/Finance (John Hibbard)

- A fundraising brochure was developed and sent with membership letters and to local Chamber of Commerce members.
- Larger donors will be contacted beginning in July.
- The building fund currently has about \$1.2 million in assets; \$100,000 of the \$1.6 million fundraising goal has been donated or pledged.

Fundraising (Sam Marcus)

- Several fundraising events were held during the past year, including Facebook Live; a performance at the Brick Alley; the auction of a bottle of bourbon from the 6 millionth barrel awarded by Buffalo Trace; events by the Franklin County Democratic Party and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Professionals; the Trails for Tails race; pottery sales at the Josephine Sculpture Park Fall Festival; the adoption of FCHS by the Frankfort DAR Chapter which provided funds and volunteers; TNR fundraisers; pet photos with Santa; and Frankfort Toyota/Toyota USA.
- **Jaime Rice** reported on Trails for Tails (President Marcus also thanked her for her service as a board member):
 - The September 7, 2019, run raised about \$5,700. There were 11 major sponsors, with Feeder Supply being the overall sponsor. There were several in-kind donations; all sponsors and donors were listed on shirts distributed to participants and others. All of the funds raised go toward the new shelter.
 - The pandemic prompted different considerations this year, but current plans are to continue with the race on September 5 unless there are government directions to the contrary. The race will be virtual if not in person. Interested people are encouraged to sign up for the race.

Membership and Celebrity Waiters' Dinner (Betsy Kennedy)

- The Celebrity Waiters' Dinner has been postponed until October 3, and the consensus of the planning committee is to host a virtual, instead of in-person, event. FCHS still has the donations collected before the postponement. The raffle of a week at a Sanibel Island condo also will proceed. The donor has extended the condo's availability through 2021.
- There are 569 members, up from 518 last year. The membership number grows every year and is expected to increase more since FCHS is still in the early phase of its current membership drive.
- FCHS uses Constant Contact to email supporters; there are 3,269 email addresses on that list. All receive the email news blast every week.

Public Relations (Fred Deaton)

- During the past year, public service announcements have been distributed to inform the public about and raise support for the Humane Society.
- When the pandemic shutdown occurred, work was underway with Celebrity Waiters' Dinner promotions for radio, television and print publications.
- PSAs were distributed to The State Journal, Frankfort Plant Board Cable 10, Cap City Communications radio stations and to media in surrounding counties. Additional outreach has occurred through social media, the weekly e-mail newsletter, radio programs and Cable 10.
- Members and volunteers were thanked for sharing information the best way possible – through personal communication with others.

Nominating Committee (Fred Deaton)

- The nominating committee reviewed the application of Brian Logan and unanimously recommended his election as an FCHS board member to fill the vacancy left by Billie Dollins' resignation. Upon a motion by Sam Marcus, seconded by Ray Smith, the board approved Brian Logan's election by electronic vote.
- Randy Smith was previously elected by the board to fill the vacancy left by Jaime Rice. Both he and Brian Logan will begin their board service in July.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- The written report covering July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, is incorporated.
- Even with the pandemic shutdown, a TNR clinic was conducted every month except February, which is dedicated to spay days. The total for the year is 375 procedures – 375 city cats and 244 county cats.
- Over the 7.5-year life of the program, 3,111 cats have had surgery.
- Reports were submitted to the city commission and fiscal court regarding the successful completion of the fifth year of a five-year pilot project. The ordinance has been extended another year and is expected to be permanently adopted.
- Education and outreach continued with the library display in October.
- Successful fundraising programs allowed TNR to pay its own way. The fundraising goal was exceeded during March Madness for TNR Cats; more than \$2,000 was raised. Dine to Donate was added during the past year, and TNR received a grant from the Order of Kentucky Colonels.
- TNR relies on the community, board members, shelter staff and the volunteer coordinator; the number of volunteers over the past year helped TNR have an impact.

Thrift Store

- Technical difficulties made it impossible to deliver this report.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- The president reported that the best part of his duties was working with hard-working, selfless people through the year.
- There is much to look forward to in getting started on the new shelter.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.