

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

**Board Members participating:** Mike Ball, Miche' Branscum, Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

**Board Members not participating:** Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty

**Officers not participating:** Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

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

**Volunteers/Guests participating:** Gae Broadwater, Bill Klier, Mike Tewell

\*\*\*

The meeting convened via Zoom at 5:38 p.m.

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

- President Marcus welcomed new board members Mike Ball and Miche' Branscum.
- The June board meeting minutes were deferred to the August meeting as condolences were expressed to Diana on the loss of her mother, Carolyn Taylor.
- A discussion of future board meeting dates, times and location resulted in agreement on retaining the fourth Thursday each month with a 5:30 pm starting time. The board will meet in August via Zoom and re-evaluate future meetings then.
- President Marcus discussed meetings he had with the Mayor on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the City Manager on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings dealt with new shelter issues, primarily regarding the access road leading to the new shelter property site. No agreements were reached, but the city does assume at least some responsibility for the access road and that the FPB should share costs based on their requirements and usage. Future meetings with the new City Manager and staff will be required and Marcus will follow up with them.
- Marcus outlined some of his goals for this fiscal year- the completion of capital fundraising and construction of the new shelter; more board involvement in meetings and committees including policy and procedures, by-laws review, fundraising (with a focus on NLOL), TNR, and membership. Finally, a new contract will need to be negotiated with the city, which could involve the FCHS employing the ACO. A new contract with the county should also be negotiated.

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

- Shelter stats included as part of record.
- Intake has increased especially with cats and kittens and there are 162 animals in the census. Adoption fees are temporarily waived on adult dogs. Adoptions are improving.
- About 50 people attended Cheryl Douthitt's retirement party July 8<sup>th</sup>. Kerry thanked those who were there. Community Q served 47 meals at no charge to the FCHS. Kerry will send them an acknowledgement letter for their \$470 in-kind donation and thanked them.
- 878 spay/neuter surgeries have been performed CYTD compared to 717 last year to date. More clinic volunteers are needed.
- Shelter entry is still being limited, but volunteer dog walking will be resumed.
- Kerry has applied to the KY Dept of Agriculture for a spay/neuter grant which is a pass through with the fiscal court. Kerry will make a presentation to the court at their meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup> as a formality. This year's grant is up to \$3000 maximum, an increase from the \$2500 the FCHS received last year.
- Upcoming events include participation in National Night Out (a FPD sponsored community event) Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers needed for Wayward and Catnip

costumes and the FCHS will have animals there. The virtual Trails for Tails 5K ends September 4<sup>th</sup>. Broadway Clay's sponsored Empty Bowls Project benefitting the FCHS is September 5<sup>th</sup>.

- The rabies vaccination clinic will be held in September (dates TBD) in conjunction with a free community pet food distribution. HSUS has added the FCHS as a beneficiary of a food truckload from Chewy. Storage of the food between delivery and the date of the clinic will need to be determined. Lakeview Park may be an option. 20-25 people are required for the clinic and food distribution as well as 2 veterinarians.
- Sharing FCHS adoptable animals on our individual social media was requested.

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

- Report included as part of record.
- Sales and donations of goods have been very strong.
- Volunteers are badly needed. John will ask Whitaker Bank about reinstating their Friday volunteer program. There was some discussion about other sources of volunteers including KSU. Keeuna King and/or Miche' Branscum will look into that. Kerry offered a flyer to post on Facebook.
- Terri praised new volunteer, Jonathan Sullivan, who volunteers on Thursdays.
- The store will be closed September 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> for vacation and reopen September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

- A \$10,000 challenge match issued for this week has resulted in \$60,000 total new shelter donations so far including \$10,000 in Apple stock, another \$10,000 from one individual and \$7,000 from another. John said others have contacted him about future challenge match donations.
- The new shelter investment fund is currently \$2,269,818 and consists of 82% income and 18% equity funds.
- The letter to higher income residents is still planned, but the committee wishes to have more accurate project cost estimates and a better idea of necessary remaining funds before sending. Revised project estimates are expected in early August.
- The collection for a bourbon raffle is going well. Bill Klier was thanked for his efforts, who in turn praised Charlie Jones and Penny Peavler for their help. Upon their advice the raffle will likely be deferred to end in early November.

#### **General**

- The Frankfort Piano Trio will perform a concert on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds benefiting the new shelter project.
- Membership has increased to 523.
- TNR will have Lionel's bowls in October.

#### **Old Business**

- Fred Deaton welcomed new board members and once again thanked members of the nominating committee for their hard work.

On a motion by John Hibbard, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.