

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board  
July 25, 2019**

**Board Members present:** Fred Deaton, Billie Dollins, Leslie Driskell, John Hibbard, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

**Board Members absent:** Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty, Keeuna King, Jaime Rice, Rodney Williams

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

**Staff present:** Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrell, Jean Unglaub

**Volunteers present:** Bill Klier, Sharon Parrish

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The meeting convened at 5:40 p.m.

**Committee Reports:**

**Thrift Store (Terri Sorrell)**

- June sales generated more than \$11,000; donations totaled almost \$434.
- The shop has been inundated with donations; one estate brought in seven trailers and trucks loaded with items.
- The shop is going to stop collecting recyclables and use trash bins only; this is because passersby have been putting non-recyclable items into the bin, and the city will fine the shop for that going forward. Since very little can be recycled now under the city's new system, it is not worthwhile to continue using those bins. An effort will be made to find an alternative.

**TNR (Gae Broadwater)**

- Report attached as part of record.
- Kerry Lowary reported that 53 cats were treated on July 19 in a "marathon" clinic; this included a colony of 21 cats.
- Grant applications have been submitted to the Kentucky Colonels and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for \$2,500 each.

**Fundraising (Sam Marcus)**

- The benefit at the Brick Alley raised \$1,000. The board greatly appreciates the Brick Alley's support as well as that of the musicians who performed at the benefit.
- Ray Smith reported that another event might be held in the future at the West Sixth Farm.

**Trails for Tails (Jaime Rice)**

- Report attached as part of record.

**Membership (Betsy Kennedy)**

- Report attached as part of record.

**Volunteers (Jean Unglaub)**

- Report attached as part of record.

**Treasurer's Report**

- None submitted.

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

- The current census is close to 240 animals, including 48 dogs.
- An adoption special for cats and kittens is being held; an incentive is being offered for early adopters of cats, kittens and dogs.
- Adoptions have increased over last year as have animals treated in the spay/neuter program and license fees.
- The provisions of the contract for veterinary services was discussed regarding what should be done because of the departure of one veterinarian from the contracted practice, leaving just one to cover the shelter's needs. No decision was made on action.
- Dr. Sara Pizano, DVM with Team Shelter USA, submitted her report on current FCHS conditions, programming and recommended change to local ordinances. There is potential for funding, but it is contingent upon changes to cat housing which the Humane Society is not yet in a position to do. An earlier team shelter report was comprehensive and helpful.
- The recent heat wave prompted attention to ongoing electrical issues at the shelter; new outlets were installed for the misters.
- Several fundraising benefits have been scheduled:
  - The Kentucky Democratic Executive Committee cookout on August 8, for the benefit of the Humane Society and Life House
  - The Frankfort Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals' event on August 30 at West Sixth Farm
  - Tacos & Tortas giving the Humane Society 15 percent of its net profits in August

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

- Minutes of the June 2019 board meeting and the annual meeting were approved simultaneously on a motion by Fred Deaton and second by John Hibbard.
- Sam and Kerry met on July 8 with a work group from county government. Sam provided the following recap before the meeting to board members via email:
  - Attending, in addition to Sam and Kerry: Judge Wells, Keith Parker, J.W. Blackburn, Eric Cockley, Jon Mitchell, Jeremy Colston
  - The short:
    - No funding commitment** until the above group goes through another series of meetings to justify the project as planned and/or cut costs. Time frame goal to lead to a vote by the fiscal court and city commission in October. Two meetings scheduled so far. One with Keith Parker and J.W. Blackburn at the shelter next Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. The second with the work group on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - A resolution will be presented for a vote at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> city commission regular meeting that allows us to lease the property on the Carpenter Farm for the purpose of constructing and operating a new shelter. Passage of this resolution should be a formality. Once passed, Judge Wells has asked our board to send a letter of cancellation for the lease on the Capital View Park property.
    - At the conclusion of the work group meetings; provided we can reach some agreement on funding for the project, and provided the city commission and fiscal court approved the agreement, we would not have to wait 3 years on their share of the funds. They would be available as soon as we reached our fundraising commitment goal.
  - Next steps for the board:
    - Discuss the above at our meeting.
    - Discuss alternatives if an agreement cannot be reached.
    - Prepare for a capital campaign that could commence as soon as possible after an October decision.
  - I recommend a dual track approach that would a) outline steps in the event of a

private shelter plan, but b) lay the groundwork for a capital campaign either way, with or without public funding.

- Mayor May's comments about the city possibly partnering with FCHS if the county does not provide funding were discussed; this would seem to indicate the city is closer than the county to having the votes needed to provide funding.
- It was noted that FCHS may have to consider other options.
- Concerns were expressed about the length of time that the process is taking, with a question about whether it should consider. Sam reported that the local governments have committed to acting by October 1, 2019.
- Kerry pointed out during the July 8 meeting that FCHS has done all that has been asked of it.
- Sam reported that the July 17 meeting with J.W. Blackburn and Keith Parker was very positive. He noted that we need to determine what work can be done in-kind by the city and county as part of their contributions.
- The board approved, on a motion by John Hibbard and second by Fred Deaton, sending a letter to the county canceling the lease on the Capital View Park property (letter attached as part of record). It was noted that the FCHS sign should be removed from that site.
- Sam noted that FCHS needs to reactivate its capital committee to lay groundwork in preparation for October.

Adjournment – 7:10 p.m.