

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
Zoom Meeting
September 24, 2020**

Board Members participating: Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Matt Freire, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Sam Marcus, Randy Smith, Rodney Williams

Board Members not participating: Leo Haggerty, Ray Smith

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary

Volunteers participating: Gae Broadwater, Bill Klier

The meeting convened via Zoom at 5:35 p.m.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard, the August minutes were approved without objection.
- Work is underway to finalize a site plat with property boundaries for the new shelter. One has been done and has been sent to FCHS consultants to review before it is sent to the city. The question is whether the city can surplus a lot that is adjacent to the shelter site; this could have an impact on the shelter's driveway and needs to be resolved before discussions with the city about any possible changes to that property. Also to be discussed with the city is the contract for the disposition of the shelter property – whether it was to be deeded to FCHS or leased – and how the city will fulfill its \$1 million funding commitment. The goal is to address these things in October or November at the latest so they can be handled while the current mayor and commissioners are in office.
- FCHS has an animal code ordinance before the city, with several changes from the current version. There are no problems expected with the commission's approval of this.
- President Marcus has discussed PPE loan forgiveness with a CTBI representative. All appears to be in order but the process is expected to take a while before the official notification is issued.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- There has been increase in cat intake and adoptions have slowed a bit. This is not unusual for this time of year.
- August ended with 137 animals in the shelter, about 65 fewer than last year. September's numbers will look a little different, but not dramatically.
- The ordinance changes include owner surrenders coming directly to FCHS and not to animal control; city licenses would be on rolling renewals instead of fiscal year; FCHS will have flexibility in prices charged to people if they agree to have their animal fixed; the community cat program will become permanent (now has pilot status), which is the most significant piece. A big part of the ordinance addresses reclaims by owners, which are very low when animals are picked up as strays. The Humane Society of the U.S., ASPCA and Alley Cat Allies advocate these strays be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, receive flea-tick preventative and returned to their location. Return to field is different from TNR in that it is for owned cats. This approach has helped keep FCHS intake numbers down -- 420 cats through the end of August compared to more than 700 last year.
- Dr. Eckerd will no longer be with FCHS starting in November or December. She had worked with the shelter on two to three Thursdays and one Sunday a month. To replace

her, discussions are being held with Dr. Ferrell about her availability. Otherwise, a job description would be developed and posted to find another vet with good spay/neuter surgery skills who is interested in doing this type of contract work.

- A group in Arizona with connections here, the Bourbon Charity, has designated FCHS as one of four charities to support. This will bring in \$17,000; \$15,000 will go to the shelter with the balance to the All the Cats program.
- Bios of waiters and videos for the Celebrity Waiters' Dinner online auction are being shared on Facebook; all are encouraged to share.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- June report included as part of record.
- A three-page summary also has been prepared and distributed to board members, several of whom liked the more accessible version.
- Bank balances are strong. The thrift store and shelter are doing well.
- President Marcus reported that FCHS ended up about \$20,000 under budget in income for the year, which is outstanding in view of the impact of the pandemic. The PPE loan is separate from that. FCHS also has been about \$60,000 under budget in expenses.
- On a motion by John Hibbard, seconded by Fred Deaton, the report was approved without objection.

Committee Reports

Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)

- The balance in the New Building Fund is \$1,331,996 as of close today. So far this year, \$319,375 has been donated or pledged.
- President Marcus and Shelter Manager Lowary will do a presentation to the Rotary Club.
- President Marcus and John Hibbard have a Zoom call scheduled to present on Cable 10.
- A contact from someone wanting to discuss the donation of stocks is being followed up.
- The Buffalo Trace auction is expected to go live in mid-October.
- Committee meetings continue to discuss the best way to reach the fundraising goal. All ideas and new members are welcome.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report included as part of record.
- Beginning in mid-October, spoon rests (this year's Lionel's Bowls project) will be available at NLOL and Broadway Clay. They are available for a \$15 donation; \$10 of that goes to TNR and \$5 to Broadway Clay. The project generally raises \$1,200 to \$1,500.
- Appreciation was expressed to the staff and for board support, which has been so important. What has transpired this year has been remarkable; spay/neuter numbers did not go down due to the efforts of many people.

Trails for Tails (Leslie Driskell)

- Jaime Rice reports the event raised a little more than \$4,300, most of it through sponsors. There were 40 participants; there will probably be more next year. The event was a success.

Celebrity Waiters' Dinner Online Auction

- The auction is live as of today. As of meeting time, 83 people had registered and \$3,900 had been made in bids. Waiters' tips are important for fundraising. All were encouraged to share and promote the site.

Membership (Betsy Kennedy)

- Report included as part of record.
- We have more than 600 members.

Thrift Store (Terri Sorrel)

- Report included as part of record.
- Total net revenue for August was \$13,337.42. This included \$334.67 in general donations and \$1,368.79 for the new shelter fund.

Policy and Procedures (Sam Marcus)

- The FCHS policies and procedures have not been addressed for quite some time and need to be addressed.
- Brian Logan said he would help with this.
- A discussion about how to approach the work concluded with plans for Kerry Lowary to share the latest version (believed to be from 2019) with Brian Logan and Sam Marcus and the work will start there.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.