

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
September 26, 2019**

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

Board Members absent: Billie Dollins, Matt Freire, Keeuna King, Rodney Williams

Officers present: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff present: Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrell

Volunteers present: Bill Klier, Sharon Parrish, Nancy Wilson

The meeting convened at 5:35 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Thrift Store (Terri Sorrell)

- August sales were up and totaled \$10,990.43 (without tax).
- Donations to the building fund and the Humane Society: \$550.
- A second storage area is being used on a month-to-month basis. The additional space is needed due to a large number of furniture donations. Both storage units are now full. The new space, which rents for \$120 per month, is bigger, cleaner and in better condition. As less storage space is needed, the goal is to use this unit and discontinue use of the older one. Donations are covering increased rental costs.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report attached as part of record.
- Kerry Lowary also noted:
 - The TNR clinics are going well.
 - A grant from the Kentucky Colonels will buy 25 new traps and cover the cost of care for 20 cats. The grant and a plaque were presented to Gae Broadwater and Kerry Lowary during a recent reception. The Kentucky Colonels also are interested in a naming opportunity, something to keep in mind going forward.
 - WLEX-TV did a news story on the grant following Fred Deaton's press release.
 - Panera Bread is hosting a Dine to Donate event on October 16.
 - As part of Community Cats month (October), a display on the theme of "Working Cats" will be featured at the Paul Sawyer Public Library all month. Lionel's Bowls (spoon rests this year) will be available for a \$15 suggested donation at New Leash on Life, October 18-19 and beyond while supplies last; the Franklin County Farmers Market, October 26; and Broadway Clay, October 18 and beyond while supplies last.

Fundraising

- **Trails for Tails (Jaime Rice)**
 - Report attached as part of record.
 - The event was very successful, raising more than \$5,700 and with impressive community support exhibited through in-kind donations.
 - The registration pattern of the last two years is being studied to determine the potential for raising more money by changing the pricing schedule.
 - Special appreciation was expressed to Team Knight Lights for bringing so many participants to the event.

- The Humane Society's booth at the Josephine Sculpture Park's Fall Arts Festival, organized by Sharon Parrish and Teresa Bennett, raised \$1,754.55 for the building fund. Special appreciation was expressed to Melanie VanHouton and Josephine Sculpture Park for allowing FCHS to be part of this event.
- Ray Smith has obtained the appropriate permit that will allow FCHS to conduct raffles to raise up to \$25,000 a year. He will attend a training program in November to ensure compliance with state requirements.

Membership (Betsy Kennedy)

- Report attached as part of record.
- We have 598 members and 2,893 people on the Constant Contact list (who receive the email blast).
- Memberships could decline after those who did not renew during the summer are removed from the list; however, an increase is expected in December, following the usual cycle.

Volunteers (Jean Unglaub)

- Report attached as part of record.
- FCHS will have adoptable dogs at the South Frankfort Neighborhood Association picnic on October 5 and Dachtoberfest, October 4-5.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- Adoptions have been about the same; there has been a slight decline in income.
- The cat intake in September was two times the rate last year but is starting to slow down.
- The deck repairs are almost done. Thanks to Bill Klier and Ray Smith for their work.
- Inside Out Design will freshen the landscaping when the repairs are finished.
- The Yappy Hour event by the Frankfort Chamber Young Professionals organization raised about \$94, and four adoptions resulted from contacts made there.
- Five men from Art's Electric (under new ownership) will spend two Fridays in October working at the shelter, repainting most of the interior and helping move cages for TNR use. Because of the work, the shelter will not be open to the public on October 11 and 25.
- The shelter will be closed on Sunday, October 20, for a special event.
- FCHS has received a \$1,500 grant for Kerry and probably one other person to attend the Association for Animal Advancement fall conference November 10-13.
- Kerry Lowary, Christina Alves, Gae Broadwater and Lori Macintire attended the neonatal kitten conference with Hannah Shaw, aka The Kitten Lady, in Tennessee. The group also visited the Washington County/Johnson City Animal Shelter.
- The Humane Society is receiving \$40,000 from the estate of Alice Blanton for the new shelter fund; we expect to receive it by the end of the year.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- Report attached as part of record.
- The July and August reports both look good.
- Total assets for the year were \$1,172,061.48.
- The shelter and thrift shop are both operating in the black.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved on the motion of John Hibbard, second by Fred Deaton.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- Minutes of the August 2019 board meeting were approved on the motion of Fred Deaton, second by John Hibbard.

- The local DAR chapter invited the president to speak on September 21. The organization wants to adopt FCHS as its service project this year. They have donated food for the shelter and also want to volunteer at New Leash on Life; NLOL volunteering will probably be their primary focus.
- There have been no changes in the contract with Charles T. Mitchell. Renewal of the contract was approved on the motion of Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard.
- The fall meeting schedule will be altered due to the holidays:
 - The November meeting will be Monday, November 25, 2019.
 - The December meeting will be Monday, December 30, 2019.

The board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m. The session lasted until 7:08 p.m. No additional action was taken.

Adjournment – 7:08 p.m.