

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board  
Zoom Meeting  
January 20, 2022**

**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 participating:** Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

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

**Volunteers/Guests participating:** Skip Hayes, Gae Broadwater, Bill Klier

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The meeting convened at 5:34 p.m. EST.

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

- The December meeting minutes were approved following an amendment by Leslie Driskell to correct a typographical error in the section on the bourbon raffle. Approval without objection came on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Mike Ball.
- New Shelter Update:
  - The building permit has been issued. The developer is getting a site crew lined up and will notify FCHS as soon as they are ready to begin; it could be two more weeks.
  - The technical deadline for the completion date is March 21, 2023.

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

- Shelter stats included as part of the record.
- The current census is low for the shelter with a total of about 75 animals.
- Most board members know FCHS assisted Spencer County last month and will be assisting Anderson County Animal Control in removing about 50 cats from a home there. FCHS won't be taking all of the cats but will take a number of them.
- There are three new staff members – Bonnie Russell, Samantha Cook and Andy Clark are working on the dog side of the shelter. FCHS is getting close to being fully staffed; one staff member has been out with Covid. A staff member away on parent leave will be back in early February.
- All of the funds of the 2021 Bluegrass ADD grant of \$25,000 have been expended; with remaining surgeries for December and January all of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture spay/neuter grant also will have been expended. The first reimbursement from Petco Love for the vaccination grant is expected soon.
- FCHS is planning a vaccination clinic for March.
- Appreciation was expressed to anyone who works at the jail for their work to clear away snow from parking lots, sidewalks and areas between kennels. They are good community partners for FCHS.
- A discussion about continuing spay days followed a question from board member Fred Deaton. In the past, this has been a specifically funded program with a grant but, since the FCHS spay/neuter program is currently so popular and there is no direct grant for this, the question is how to present a spay days event in a different way. Staff and the veterinarians are discussing this to see what can be done.

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

- Report included as part of record.
- As expected, sales were down because of the shop being closed for Christmas and New Year's, but \$18,000 was a strong number for December.
- There were many good donations and people donating for the holidays and to support the Angel Tree; every dog and cat had sponsorship at some level and a large supply of food and litter was donated.
- A discussion about whether NLOL should charge people for pickups and deliveries included the following points:
  - Charging for delivery of large items purchased at NLOL could be acceptable, but people could object to being charged for donating items.
  - Some, but not all, other organizations charge for picking up donated furniture.
  - Most people who have items delivered after purchasing them at NLOL tip the volunteers who make the deliveries.
  - Volunteers now providing the service say they will continue to do it for free.
  - There is more support for charging for deliveries but not pickups.
  - Terri will discuss this further with volunteers and with people making large purchases who would need deliveries to determine whether/how much should be charged.
- President Marcus reported there is a new, one-year lease on the NLOL shop with no changes in the terms and conditions.
- A discussion about possibly having an auction for the items donated from the Leone estate concluded that it would be best to sell the items in the shop instead of organizing and paying for an auction. Volunteers have agreed to take this on.

### **Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)**

- October report included as part of the record.
- Nothing is out of the ordinary. New Building Fund totaled \$193,935.70 for the month; regular donations were \$8,900.
- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith, the board approved the treasurer's report without discussion.

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

- The bourbon raffle drawing is set for January 27. More than \$205,000 has been raised to date, including 2,015 tickets sold and \$4,300 in additional donations. Bill Klier is to be commended for his work in bringing it all together. No invitations have been issued to the raffle; the number of attendees will be limited due to the small space.
- The New Building Fund is currently \$2,719,336. Additional money from the market in 2021 totaled \$78,500.
- Bill Klier expressed appreciation for the compliments and pointed out the work of several people to make the raffle a success – specifically Charlie Jones, Patty Peavler and Leo Haggerty.

### **TNR**

- The TNR report submitted by Gae Broadwater is included as part of the record.

### **Membership**

- The membership report submitted by Betsy Kennedy is included as part of the record.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard, the board went into executive session at 6:36 p.m. The executive session concluded at 6:52 p.m.; no action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned on motion by John Hibbard and Fred Deaton.