

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board  
Zoom Meeting  
January 28, 2021**

**Board Members participating:** Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith, Rodney Williams

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

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

**Staff participating:** Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrel

**Volunteers participating:** Gae Broadwater, Bill Klier

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The meeting convened via Zoom at 5:43 p.m.

**New Leash on Life (Terri Sorrel)**

- The report is included as part of the record.
- The appointment-based schedule is working well and probably will be retained through February.
- None of the volunteers has received the vaccine at this point, but there have been no negative comments about getting one.
- Donations are slow, but good quality items are coming in. It will take time to return to normal due to Covid and the winter weather.
- President Marcus noted that the NLOL lease has been renewed. All aspects of the lease are the same, and FCHS appreciates Michelle and Stephen Kent's decision to renew the lease without an increase. On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Rodney Williams, the board approved a one-year extension of the lease at \$1,500 a month plus utilities.

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

- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith, the December 2020 minutes were approved without objection.
- FCHS applied for and received \$10,000 grant funding from the City of Frankfort for pandemic loss of revenue relief for New Leash on Life. The check arrived early in the year.
- The audit and tax return by Harrod Associates is expected to be ready for the next meeting. A special meeting might be necessary to comply with a February 12 grant deadline from the Kentucky Colonels, which must include updated financials and tax return.
- Although a second round of PPP funding is possible, it does not appear that FCHS will qualify for it. If circumstances change, FCHS will apply for the funding.

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

- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- There have been 35 transfers of cats during the month; the bulk has gone to Lexington or Scott County humane societies. Eight were sent to Louisville for the Kentucky Humane Society's cat café.
- Current census is 64 animals, including 28 cats.
- President Marcus pointed out that live release for cats in December was 100% and, for 2020, the rate was 95% for both cats and dogs. This is unprecedented.

- Dr. Eckert's new clinic is open and the official clinic cat there, Poppy, came from FCHS. Dr. Eckert will continue to do the FCHS off-shelter veterinarian work.
- The Kentucky Department of Agriculture grant has been approved; the county has received \$2,500, which should be available soon to FCHS. Still waiting for the fiscal court to approve the FCHS contract fees. The city's first quarter fees have been received.
- The Petco grant is still outstanding. The Rachel Ray grant for spay/neuter was declined. No explanation was provided.
- FCHS has been accepted into the No Place Like Home challenge that runs March 1-31. FCHS is going to offer free micro-chipping to all stray animals in March and extend that to anyone who signs up for spay/neuter in March.
- The Kentucky Colonels grant request is for \$32,000, significantly more than previous requests. That will put FCHS into the top application tier; FCHS is asking for equipment that will go into the new building. Another grant for Dog's Trust USA is also a capital grant.
- 1,984 spay/neuter surgeries were performed in 2020. Of the total, 635 were cats – more than doubling the cat surgeries of the previous year. FCHS is on track to do that again this year; there will be nine surgery dates in January and nine in February, including one TNR date.
- Spay Days, previously supported by matching grant funds from Toyota USA, have usually been held in February. Those funds have not been provided this year, so consideration is being given to a different approach. Since FCHS has to relocate its surgery site, March dates cannot be scheduled at this point.
- Two veterinarians are now working with FCHS, which has allowed scheduling to be kept up to date. A proposal will be submitted to Anderson Humane to be part of its voucher program; that allows people to buy a voucher from Anderson Humane and schedule their spay/neuter surgery through FCHS, which receives reimbursement from Anderson Humane.
- The Humane Society U.S. Animal Care Expo is being held virtually this year. That will enable all FCHS staff to attend the meeting, which is three days in April for a \$59 per person registration cost.

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

- Figures are not yet available for the October report.
- A total of \$215,555 was moved to the new building fund at the end of December. Everything is running smoothly.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Trap-Neuter-Return (Gae Broadwater)**

- The need for new surgery space remains the focus. It is important to note that cats get more active in March, so the more surgeries that can be done before April and May the better.
- FCHS plans to do March Madness for TNR cats again this year.

##### **Capital Campaign**

- President Marcus reported there was a little over \$603,000 raised for the capital campaign through mid-January.
- The effort now is to talk to as many businesses, corporations or entities as possible since this is typically a planning period for many companies. Leadership gifts from different types of organizations will challenge and encourage others within those sectors.
- There also are lists of individuals for committee members to contact. Board members are encouraged to create their own lists of six to twelve people they could talk with about the

campaign. Names could be emailed or texted to President Marcus, who will check whether anyone has already approached those individuals.

- As of today, the building fund at Edward Jones totals \$1,750,794.20.

**Fundraising (Sam Marcus)**

- The Celebrity Waiters' Dinner committee has had an organizational meeting and believes an in-person event will not be possible this year.
- The committee consensus was to have an online auction again this year following the success of the 2020 event. Holding the auction June 9-15 will keep it within the FCHS' fiscal year, and that is the current plan.
- Emphasis will be placed on raising money from waiters' tips; more money was raised by this during the online auction than had been raised during the live dinner.
- Since there generally is a membership mailing in June, this will be done earlier (in May) to avoid a conflict with the auction.
- The mailings will require new letterhead, which necessitates a review of the individuals and entities listed as sponsors on the current letterhead. President Marcus will draft correspondence for the board's review on the matter of contacting people about the status of their sponsorship.

**Nominating (Fred Deaton)**

- A board vacancy exists and no recommendations have been forthcoming. Board members were encouraged to suggest possible members.
- Bill Klier noted that members also are needed on the Capital Campaign committee.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.