

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
Zoom Meeting
February 25, 2021**

Board Members participating: Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

Board Members not participating: Brian Logan, Rodney Williams

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Terri Sorrel

Volunteers/Guests participating: Bill Klier, Mary Palumbo

The meeting convened via Zoom at 5:34 p.m.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- President Marcus extended condolences to Gae Broadwater on the passing of her mother.
- The January board meeting minutes and the February special board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Ray Smith, seconded by John Hibbard.
- There is now a lease on new space for spay/neuter and TNR, which the board approved on February 13, 2021, via an email vote. Appreciation was expressed to John Hibbard for securing the space and to Bill Klier and Ray Smith for work to prepare the space. The space is being leased for \$550 a month plus shared utility costs.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats attached as part of record.
- The current census is 21 cats and 34 dogs.
- FCHS has been taking in some cats from outside the county. Generally, space is not available for that, but Lexington Humane has been interested in obtaining cats and FCHS is acting as a clearinghouse. This builds good will with other counties.
- A State Journal article resulted from FCHS being able to take in out-of-county cats as one cat that came in from Shelby County belonged to Frankfort City Commissioner Leesa Unger and had been missing since August 2019. Although the cat was older and unkempt, he has received a clean bill of health from a veterinarian and is now micro-chipped.
- President Marcus pointed out that the ability of FCHS to do more of this will be enhanced with a new shelter, depending on the level of local intake.
- FCHS was contacted by a veterinarian seeking assistance, which was secured, through the Pets for Life for a client who could not afford heartworm treatment for their rescue dog. The veterinarian indicated he was very pleased about the progress with the new shelter.
- Bill Klier pointed out that the good will and good stories should be used in conversations with friends, neighbors and others to solicit support for the capital campaign. Everyone needs to be talking to everyone they can as the capital campaign needs support, especially big donations.
- FCHS has two new staff members. Some staff members have obtained the initial Covid-19 vaccination.
- The recent ice storm caused some damage to gutters and kennels.

- FCHS is moving to the new surgery location. The first surgery will be TNR on March 7; from that point, surgeries will be performed every Wednesday and Friday for the foreseeable future.

Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)

- A little over \$617,000 of the \$1.6 million goal has been raised. The pandemic last year prompted delays in fundraising, and now is the time to act. All board members need to commit to the committee; as people are asked to donate, they inquire about the board's commitment, and it is important to have 100% board participation.
- Bill Klier noted that there are many people in the community who could donate significant funds; they just have to be asked.
- It is not anticipated that there will be forgiveness of the required minimum IRA distribution this year for tax purposes. This amount can be donated to charity to avoid paying taxes on it; there also is an above-the-line-item deduction available this year of \$300 per person.
- President Marcus noted that the committee has talked about ways to generate community excitement, including getting schools involved and identifying employers who would conduct and match employee donation campaigns.

New Leash on Life (Terri Lynn Smith)

- The report is included as part of the record.
- Retail receipts have declined, but donations have increased significantly.
- Up to 10 people are now allowed in the store at one time.
- Appointments will continue to be required on Friday and Saturday but not on Tuesday-Thursday.
- NLOL is participating in the Shop Local Frankfort gift card program. The city conducts the program, under which gift cards can be bought online and used at participating businesses.
- Two new volunteers have joined the NLOL team.
- It is not clear whether all volunteers will get the Covid-19 vaccinations.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- October and November reports included as part of the record.
- There was nothing out of the ordinary for the October and November reports.
- At the end of December, \$215,555 was transferred to the new building fund.
- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith, the October and November reports were approved without objection.

Fundraising (Sam Marcus)

- The Celebrity Waiters' Dinner committee will have ongoing meetings to plan the online auction that is set for June 9-15. Getting waiters involved will be a priority, with people being asked to sponsor waiters (as opposed to tables as several patrons have done in the past).

Nominating

- There have been no nominations for the existing board vacancy.
- There was a discussion about how the bylaws apply to terms of board members and the need for clarification. This will be reviewed.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.