

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board of Directors  
Zoom Meeting  
March 24, 2022**

**Board Members participating:** Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Matt Freire, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Ray Smith

**Board Members not participating:** Miche' Branscum, Leo Haggerty, Sam Marcus

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

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

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

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The meeting convened at 5:37 p.m. EST. Vice President John Hibbard presided.

**Vice President's Report (John Hibbard)**

- The February meeting minutes were approved without objection on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith.
- Shelter construction update:
  - Work is underway to prepare the building pad and should be done in two weeks; rebar is to arrive within the next two weeks.
  - Rock has been encountered during excavation; a geo-tech engineer is monitoring the situation.
  - A second quote is being obtained for the access road; FPB's decision to share in the cost is good news.
  - The plan going forward is to set the exterior and load-bearing walls and get the cement panels for the roof in place first, then work on interior blocks.
  - Any visitors to the site must check in at the construction trailer when they arrive.
  - Cameras will be put in place to provide video updates on the construction.
- A discussion on the FCHS' contract with the city included the following points:
  - The city's \$65,000 contract has not gone up since 2015, and no CPI adjustment has been made.
  - John Hibbard and Sam Marcus have discussed options and propose asking the city for an increase to \$71,500; this would be a 10 percent rise from the contract signed by 2015, less than inflation.
  - On a motion by Ray Smith, seconded by Fred Deaton, the board voted without dissent to increase the city contract by 10 percent.

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

- Shelter stats included as part of the record.
- The current census is 83.
- Spay/neuter operations are on pace, which is busy and expected to get busier.
- A vaccination clinic will take place Sunday, March 27, at Lakeview Park with support from Petco Love and Merck Animal Health. Free vaccinations will include rabies, DAPP for dogs, FVRCP for cats; Bordatella for dogs and flea and tick prevention for dogs and cats will be \$10 and microchips will be \$15. Three veterinarians will participate as well numerous volunteers.
- FCHS has received a \$10,500 in-kind grant for staff diversity training. This will provide an avenue for FCHS to apply for an operations grant.

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

- Report included as part of record.
- The latest report shows revenues up by 43.3 percent.
- Board members are invited to the store to see the new fixtures and lighting that have improved the displays' appearance.
- Donations are going well. The final segment of Susan Taylor's estate has arrived; donations from two other estates also have arrived.

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

- November and December reports included as part of the record.
- Assets continue to grow. November ended with \$3,874,055.70, and December ended with \$3,936,190.53.
- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Leslie Driskell, the reports were accepted without objection.

**Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)**

- The committee is waiting to determine next steps.
- Currently, the campaign funds total \$2,546,278.09.

**Membership/Fundraising**

- The membership report submitted by Betsy Kennedy is included as part of the record.
- Diana Taylor reported that the online gala auction will include about 120 baskets; "special waiters" – current or former shelter pets -- will be featured this year in the Tip Your Waiter segment.

**Nominations (Fred Deaton)**

- There are three board vacancies this year.
- The nominations committee will begin checking next week with previous applicants who were not elected to the board to determine whether they are still interested in serving.

The new FCHS position of program coordinator is being advertised with an application deadline of April 4 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

**TNR (Gae Broadwater)**

- The TNR report submitted by Gae Broadwater is included as part of the record.
- Shelter Manager Kerry Lowary was able to recruit another veterinarian to keep the program on track with the number of cats being helped.
- The March Madness program is going well with more than \$2,800 raised to date.
- Sonny's BBQ is hosting a Group Rise (formerly Dine to Donate) event on March 30 to benefit the program.

**Executive Session**

On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Leslie Driskell, the board went into executive session at 6:23 p.m. The session concluded, and no board action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith.