

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting
July 28, 2022**

Board Members participating: Keith Ballard, Miche' Branscum, Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Barbara Hayes, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Steve Middleton, Ray Smith

Board Members not participating: Leo Haggerty, Brian Logan

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Jody Spaulding, Terri Lynn Smith

Volunteers/Guests participating: Taylor Bochantin, Gae Broadwater, Ruth Perkins

The meeting convened at 5:32 p.m. EDT.

President's Report (John Hibbard)

- The annual meeting minutes were approved following the correction of a typographical error in the date on a motion by Ray Smith, seconded by Fred Deaton. The June board meeting minutes were approved without objection on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Leslie Driskell.
- President Hibbard provided an update on progress on the new shelter construction.
 - Work in the last two weeks has included plumbing, drains, roof panels and other projects.
 - Infrastructure costs are approaching \$1.1 million; since the city has declined to help finance the access road, this means that the \$1 million awarded by the city has essentially gone to infrastructure work on land the city still owns that is being leased to FCHS. Discussions on this continue with the city.
 - Meetings with contractors are continuing.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats included as part of the record.
- The current census is 108 cats and 55 dogs. The shelter population was 184 at the beginning of June and ended the month at 163. The shelter is about five dogs over capacity currently.
- 909 spay/neuter surgeries had been performed through July 27; 503 of those were community animals – 347 cats and 156 dogs. A record number of surgeries were performed July 8: 49, 47 of which were cats and kittens.
- An adoption special is running through the end of the month offering dog adoptions for \$5.
- FCHS will participate in National Night Out sponsored by the Frankfort Police Department.
- A portable adoption event has been tentatively scheduled for August 13 at Petco.
- The truck of supplies from Chewy is expected within the next two months. Volunteers will be needed for this event.
- The next community vaccination clinic has been tentatively scheduled for September 25 at Lakeview Park, Hancock Pavilion, 1-4 p.m. 15-20 volunteers will be needed, plus support from the veterinarian and shelter staff. This is a huge community outreach event.
- Board members are welcome to attend the spay/neuter clinics and to visit the shelter for a tour.

Program Coordinator's Report (Jody Spaulding)

- Report included as part of the record.
- Six volunteers have been recruited and trained for New Leash on Life; they are now working in the shop; two of them are also working at the spay/neuter clinics.

- FCHS will have a good location at the National Night Out for animals it will bring from the shelter.
- Family Dollar has asked FCHS to partner with them on an event on August 13; Dollar General has also expressed an interest in an event and supply drive.
- A pool party was held for New Leash on Life volunteers.

New Leash on Life

- Report included as part of record.
- June sales declined slightly from May; volunteer hours were strong.
- Receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled \$205,063.97; this is believed to be the first time they have exceeded \$200,000.
- A house full of furniture has been donated, filling the store, requiring special sales to move inventory.
- A large yard sale is set for August 5-6.
- President Hibbard praised the New Leash on Life staff and volunteers for the outstanding report on receipts, noting that FCHS would not be where it is today without their efforts.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- April assets totaled \$3,820,244.29. That compares to assets of \$2,935,165.26 last year.
- President Hibbard noted that a process is underway to list the New Building Fund separately from the overall accounting; that will result in the reports showing two specific amounts.
- On a motion by Ray Smith, seconded by Leslie Driskell, the April treasurer's report was approved without objection.

Capital Committee (John Hibbard)

- Another big fundraiser will be required to raise money for the new shelter. FCHS is now about \$800,000 short of the amount needed, the result of inflation, access road costs, rock removal from the site and other expenses.
- The new building fund now totals \$2,105,471 with a check clearing this date for \$555,638, which is about a quarter of what is on hand.
- The reserve fund balance is \$139,517; the Myrna Mitchell account balance is \$215,498.
- Parameters will be established for a bourbon raffle, tentatively planned for this year.

Membership

- Membership report submitted by Betsy Kennedy included as part of the record.
- FCHS has 569 members.
- President Hibbard noted that a decision will need to be made about whether the Celebrity Waiters' Dinner will return to an in-person event or continue with the online auction. Anyone who wants to join a committee to move ahead with an in-person event is encouraged to do so. A decision will be made at a later date.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report included as part of the record.
- Areas of the county with large cat populations continue to be identified.
- Board members are encouraged to attend a TNR clinic if they are interested in doing so. The next clinic is scheduled for August 21.

New Business

- President Hibbard welcomed Taylor Bochantin as the incoming board secretary.
- Fred Deaton asked about FCHS strategy regarding the city's position on the access road issue. President Hibbard responded that the city's current position is that the \$1 million awarded FCHS is enough. There could be additional avenues to pursue to encourage city support.

On a motion by Leslie Driskell and Fred Deaton, the board went into executive session at 6:28 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:06 p.m. with no action taken.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.