

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board of Directors
In Person and Zoom Meeting
August 25, 2022**

Board Members participating: Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Steven Middleton, Ray Smith

Board Members not participating: Keith Ballard, Miche Branscum, Barbara Hayes, Leo Haggerty

Officers participating: Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Jody Spaulding

Volunteers/Guests participating: Ruth Perkins, Janice Jackson, Terry Parker, Bill Klier

The meeting convened at 5:35 p.m. EDT.

President's Report (John Hibbard)

- On a motion by Leslie Driskell, seconded by Ray Smith, the July minutes were approved without objection.
- The shelter construction is approximately 50% complete. Duct work is being installed and the slab in the front half of the building will be poured soon. The next shelter building meeting is set for July 29.
- President Hibbard spoke to the city commission on August 22. FCHS was given 30 days to work out the situation regarding financing for the access road with the city and/or county. He has been in touch with commissioners, the city manager and mayor and also has made contact with county officials. It is important to be creative and figure out how to find a solution.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- July shelter stats included as part of the record.
- There were 163 animals at the shelter as of July 1. The number of cats has declined significantly; six of the 59 dogs at the shelter are puppies that were born at the shelter.
- Spay/neuter continues to be very busy; 171 surgeries have been performed since last month.
- FCHS is partnering with All About Animals, L.I.F.E. House and Anderson Humane to form the Capital Coalition for Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief. Pet supplies are being collected for delivery to Letcher, Knott and Perry counties. An upcoming concert in downtown Frankfort will be a fundraiser for Eastern Kentucky flood victims; donations of all kinds will be collected.
- On September 8, the Frankfort Area Young Professionals organization is holding a fundraiser for FCHS at West Sixth Farm.
- A vaccination clinic will be held September 25 at Lake View Park. Volunteers are needed; FCHS serves about 200 animals and their families at this event.
- On October 29 the Historical Society is having a Halloween Party; FCHS has been invited and encouraged to bring cats and kittens to the event.
- A grant from Petco is being finalized to raise funds for new shelter equipment.
- Adoptions are being conducted at the shelter by both walk-ins and appointments.

Program Coordinator's Report (Jody Spaulding)

- Report included as part of record.
- Among the highlights:
 - The National Night Out was a success for FCHS and the community.
 - Petco has ordered special items to enable it to start hosting cats for adoption again.
 - New Leash on Life had to close for a week due to Covid.

New Leash on Life

- Report included as part of record.
- Revenues increased significantly over the preceding month.
- Volunteer hours also increased over the preceding month.
- Concerns continue about the need for volunteers to run the sales register and to pick up large donations. The same volunteers continue to work the most hours, raising concerns about burn-out.

Treasurer's Report

- Two treasurer's reports will be reviewed next month.

Capital Committee (John Hibbard)

- A bourbon raffle is being planned. President Hibbard will distribute information to the board about what bourbons have already been collected and what is still needed. An effort will be made to encourage FCHS members to help with the bourbon collections.
- The new building fund totals \$1,428,000. The Myrna Mitchell account has \$216,000. The reserve fund totals \$142,217.
- Bills for the new shelter amount to about \$500,000 a month, illustrating the critical need for additional fundraising.
- The first payments have been received from the county and city of the funds they have committed to the new shelter.

Membership – (Betsy Kennedy)

- Report included as part of the record.
- There are 4,843 addresses in the FCHS Constant Contact list and 552 members.
- President Hibbard noted the need for someone to chair the online auction/CWD project next year.

TNR (Gae Broadwater)

- Report included as part of the record.
- A clinic had to be cancelled due to Covid.
- Lionel's bowls will be available in October, beginning the 14th at New Leash on Life, for a \$20 donation.

New Business

- The November board meeting will be held on November 17.
- The December board meeting will be held on December 15.

The board convened in executive session at 6 p.m. and concluded the session without action at 6:39 p.m. on a motion by Ray Smith.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Leslie Driskell, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.