**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board**

**Zoom Meeting**

**September 23, 2021**

**Board Members participating**: Mike Ball, Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, Matt Freire, Brian Logan, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

**Board Members not participating**: Miche’ Branscum, John Hibbard, Leo Haggerty, Keeuna King

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

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

**Volunteers/Guests participating:** Bill Klier, Phillip Bryan

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

**President’s Report (Sam Marcus)**

* The August board meeting minutes were approved without objection on a motion by Ray Smith, seconded by Mike Ball.
* The construction bids were reviewed. Total project costs are now $5,830,315 -- 15% above what was anticipated a year ago. FCHS has already spent $208,059, leaving a $5.6 million balance. This includes a contingency of $157,537, or 3%; without the contingency, the bottom line need is now $5,464,719. To date, $4,655,700 has been raised; leaving $809,000 to $967,000 to raise (depending on whether contingency is included).
* The issue is how to make up the shortfall:
  + Rich Rosen has made a $200,000 challenge match pledge for the community. Letters have been sent to individuals in higher income brackets and will be sent to subscribers of Frank magazine. State Journal ads will feature the pledge and news releases will be prepared and distributed in Franklin and surrounding counties. The challenge deadline is October 10.
  + Conversations are underway with local officials.
  + A bourbon raffle is to begin soon, with a goal of raising a minimum of $200,000 (up to 3,000 tickets will be offered for $100 each).
  + Obtain a line of credit.
  + FCHS is working with the city to avoid any additional costs for the access road.

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

* Shelter stats included as part of the record.
* There are 92 cats and 51 dogs in the current census.
* The Bluegrass Cat Project administered by the Bluegrass Area Development District is awarding FCHS $20,000 this year for the TNR and All the Cats campaign.
* A vaccination clinic is scheduled for September 26. A grant received through Petco Love will provide free vaccines for the clinic and community animals. Most of the vaccines administered through the clinic will be free of charge.
* Two new staff members have been hired, one for dog services and one for cat services. Interviews are being conducted for a part-time technician for the spay/neuter clinic.
* A discussion was held about whether FCHS should do more to promote cat vaccinations.
* The Chewy food and supplies giveaway went well; 23 pallets were unloaded and sorted with the help of volunteers and jail representatives. Chewy was very impressed with the FCHS handling of the logistics and distributions. At the suggestion of Fred Deaton, a letter of appreciation will be sent to Jailer Jake Banta for assistance at this event as well as the flood evacuation, snow removal and other efforts.

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

* Report included as part of record.
* Sales are down slightly from July-August.
* A mask requirement has been put in place for everyone coming into the shop.
* Staff/volunteers are interested in holding a promotional event on October 30-31 encouraging people to bring in a treat (food/supplies) for shelter pets.
* Donations are arriving steadily, and the shop is crowded with items.

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

* June report included as part of the record.
* The June is the year-end report. Total assets for the year: $3,209,960.14. In June 2020, assets were $1.876,506.45.
* Totals for the year show FCHS was under budget by $3,000. The budget for the year to date is $1,329,709.54 including income, expenses and other elements.
* President Marcus pointed out that, separating the new building fund donations and proceeds from flood insurance, overall income was down $31,000 from the previous year while expenses were down $60,000. Another important factor was $70,000 in net income from New Leash on Life, a $10,000 increase over the previous fiscal year.
* On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith, the treasurer’s report was approved without objection.

**Capital Campaign (Sam Marcus)**

* The investment fund account now totals $2,256,929 with a subtotal of $4,848,449 with additional funds from the city and county, pledges and other sources.
* FCHS has been approved for a credit line of up to $400,000 from one bank.

**Fundraising**

* Leslie Driskell reported that Trails for Tails produced a net profit of $4,536.50, down from the previous year but positive in view of the pandemic. Jaime Rice has resigned from the role of committee chair. President Marcus expressed expression to her for her five years of leadership on the project.
* The Empty Bowls project raised $550. Appreciation was expressed to Broadway Clay for their support.

**TNR**

* Shelter Manager Lowary reported that Lionel’s Bowls for Feral Friends will be held in October again this year, with specially designed tiles being offered instead of bowls. They will be available at New Leash on Life, starting October 14, for a donation of $15. Proceeds benefit TNR.

**Membership (Report from Betsy Kennedy)**

* Report included as part of the record.
* FCHS now has 535 members.

On a motion by Fred Deaton/Ray Smith, seconded by Mike Ball, the board went into executive session at 6:55 p.m. Upon re-convening at 6:58 p.m., the board approved a year-end net bonus of $1,000 for Kerry Lowary and $1,000 for Terri Lynn Smith in recognition of their successful efforts. A motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Mike Ball, was approved without objection.

On a motion by Ray Smith, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.