

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
Zoom Meeting
October 28, 2021**

Board Members participating: Mike Ball, Miche' Branscum, Fred Deaton, Leslie Driskell, John Hibbard, Brian Logan, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

Board Members not participating: Matt Freire, Leo Haggerty, Keeuna King

Officers participating: Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Terri Lynn Smith

Volunteers/Guests participating: Jean Henry, Ruth Perkins, Bill Klier

The meeting convened via Zoom at 5:41 p.m.

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- The September regular meeting minutes were amended to change an incorrect word in one section. The amended minutes were approved without further discussion on a motion by Mike Ball, seconded by Ray Smith. The minutes of the special September board meeting were approved without objection.
- Board meeting dates were adjusted for the holidays in November and December. The meetings will be held November 18 and December 16.
- Property has been donated by Pat and Mike Greer at 319-321 Conway Street; proceeds of the sale of the property will benefit the shelter building fund.
- The city has not yet issued a building permit or a land disturbance permit for the new shelter. FCHS has been trying to get this accomplished for many weeks, having first applied for the building permit on September 15. It has been challenging dealing
- with the city on this, and the delay is pushing back the schedule for construction. The goal is to begin construction on November 8, but that might not be possible due to the delay on the permits.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats included as part of the record.
- The census is holding steady with 105 cats and 49 dogs. Recent dog adoptions have gone well; adoptions are picking up, but there are still folks waiting to surrender dogs to the shelter.
- The latest count shows 1,337 spay/neuter surgeries have been performed this year. Overall, 75 more animals have been served this year than last year.
- FCHS has been told that several other organizations will be unable to meet their quotas under the Bluegrass Cat Project so additional funds will be released to FCHS for the fourth quarter of 2021; FCHS has more than met its quota.
- Confirmation has been received of a \$1,000 grant to FCHS from the Humane Society United States for the new building fund.
- Last month's major project was the vaccination clinic that was a huge success, with almost 400 animals receiving services that day. Shelter Manager Lowary expressed great appreciation for the exceptional job everyone did that day.
- Two upcoming events: supply drive, Kroger For Your Pets, at the Brighton Park Kroger on October 30. On October 31, West Sixth Farm is hosting a dog costume event and will donate \$1 to FCHS for every beer sold.

New Leash on Life (Terri Lynn Smith)

- Report included as part of record.
- Sales were down in September due to the shop being closed for a week of vacation.
- Income is being generated from recycling scrap metal that has been included in donations; the funds are being divided between the general fund for the store and the new building fund.
- NLOL will participate in the community candlelight program and stay open late on November 11. One volunteer will appear as Santa for pet photos.
- The shop still needs more volunteers.

Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)

- The new building fund currently totals \$2,437,747.72.
- A significant number of stock transfers arrived during the match period for the \$200,000 challenge grant last month. There has been solid growth in the account.
- The bourbon raffle is off to a good start, with a good marketing campaign planned going forward.
- Bill Klier noted that a Tik Tok video produced by volunteers has had thousands of hits and hundreds of shares.
- Board members were encouraged to share the video and other raffle information on social media and to include the link to the raffle site.

TNR

- The TNR report submitted by Gae Broadwater is included as part of the record.
- Lionel's Bowls for Feral Friends 2021 version – clay tiles – are still available at New Leash on Life for a \$15 donation, of which FCHS receives \$10.

Membership (Report from Betsy Kennedy)

- Report included as part of the record.
- FCHS has 484 members; this is down a bit as is typical this time of year. A December mailer is planned; this usually adds members and holiday-related donations. Christmas cards also will be sent.

On a motion by Mike Ball, seconded by John Hibbard, the board went into executive session at 6:14 p.m. The executive session concluded at 6:22 p.m.

On a motion by John Hibbard/Fred Deaton, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.