

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
Zoom Meeting
November 18, 2021**

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

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

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles, Diana Taylor

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Terri Lynn Smith

Volunteers/Guests participating: Bill Klier, Ruth Perkins

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

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- The October meeting minutes were approved without objection on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by Ray Smith.
- The sale of the property at 319-321 Conway is closing on November 19; no issues are expected. The check will be transferred to the building fund.
- Construction update:
 - There has been no activity to date.
 - The city issued the land disturbance permit on November 2; this is a limited permit allowing for grading and site preparation. The full building permit has not yet been issued.
 - On November 16, the Frankfort Plant Board approved allowing FCHS to encroach on FPB property for purposes of grading.
 - The next step is a preconstruction meeting among the general contractor, site contractor and city/public works before the site work begins.
 - There were no questions from board members.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats included as part of the record.
- The current census is 70 cats and 57 dogs; the shelter is over capacity on dogs. Efforts are underway to get dogs into rescue; two dogs are quarantined and four are being held for women in shelters. Two of those should be released soon.
- To date, there have been 1,455 spay/neuter surgeries this year; 874 of those were non-shelter animals. Last year, there were 836 non-shelter animal surgeries for the entire year. Last year, there were 1,532 spay/neuter surgeries for the entire year. No surgeries are scheduled during Thanksgiving week; there will be seven clinics in December.
- The intake numbers are down a little, in part due to slower turnover, especially with dogs. Many organizations are finding adoptions are down for dogs; it's hard to identify the exact reason for this.
- Petco Love announced an extension of a grant that was due to expire at the end of the November. This program, a partnership of Petco and Merck Animal Health, will provide free vaccinations for one million animals nationally. FCHS has received \$4,000 worth of vaccines and equipment under this program to date. That is expected to increase with TNR cats that will be vaccinated in December.
- A national vaccination day is being planned for next spring.

- The West 6th event was a huge success with more than \$500 received in donations; the total additional donation generated by \$1 per beer sold at the event has not yet been tallied.
- Efforts are underway to organize a Picture Your Pet with Santa event at Feeder Supply. Help is needed for that event.
- Work continues on the next iteration of Toyota Spay Days now that Toyota's support for the spay days event has declined.
- FCHS will receive an additional \$5,000 from the Bluegrass ADD grant in the final quarter of 2021, making the total \$25,000 for the year; FCHS will receive at least \$20,000 under this grant in 2022.

New Leash on Life (Terri Lynn Smith)

- Report included as part of record.
- Sales were up in October; a yard sale and a special Sunday sale were held due to the extra number of items in the store.
- Many large donations are coming in, and the storage facility is full.
- Volunteers are still needed to help on weekends with the cash register. Store hours on Friday have been returned to 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (instead of 9-5) since no volunteer has been available during the extra hours for register work.
- The downtown Candlelight Tour went well for the shop, which has Lionel's Christmas cards available this year.
- Santa will be in the shop for photos on Friday, November 26.
- President Marcus suggested that NLOL consider using a service for pickups of large donations and charge the donors cost for that service. This will be discussed further.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- August report included as part of the record.
- Accounts continue to perform well, based on the August report.
- Net assets this year total \$3,338,227.54; last year, the total was a little more than \$2 million.
- The August report was approved without objection on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard.

Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)

- 941 bourbon raffle tickets have been sold to date; there also have been some direct donations made through the raffle website.
- The new building fund currently totals \$2,728,680; the gain for the year, without deposits, has totaled \$72,740.

TNR

- The TNR report submitted by Gae Broadwater is included as part of the record.

Membership (Report from Betsy Kennedy)

- Report included as part of the record.
- A membership mailing totaling 3,000-4,000 is planned for December. Christmas cards also will be mailed.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, the board went into executive session at 6:18 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:09 p.m. at which time the board approved year-end staff bonuses without objection on a motion by Leslie Driskell, seconded by Fred Deaton.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.