

**Minutes of the Franklin County Humane Society Board
Zoom Meeting
December 16, 2021**

Board Members participating: Mike Ball, Miche' Branscum, Fred Deaton, Matt Freire, John Hibbard, Keeuna King, Brian Logan, Sam Marcus, Ray Smith

Board Members not participating: Leslie Driskell, Leo Haggerty

Officers participating: Cheryl Broyles

Staff participating: Kerry Lowary, Terri Lynn Smith

Volunteers/Guests participating: Barbara Hayes, Bill Klier, Susan Mallette

President's Report (Sam Marcus)

- The November meeting minutes were approved without objection on a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard.
- New Shelter Update:
 - The land disturbance permit does not allow for foundation and underground work. The general contractor can't bring in the site contractor, Flynn, due to the risk of having to stop work.
 - The final design approval of the access road is holding things up. Many parties are involved in the approval, and comments are made every time there is a revised submittal which then need a response or correction.
 - The final submittal should be made December 17 with a request to release the building permit while any remaining issues on the access road are dealt with.

Shelter Manager's Report (Kerry Lowary)

- Shelter stats included as part of the record.
- The current census is 62 cats and 37 dogs. Woodford pulled four dogs, 29 cats and nine puppies.
- Spay/neuter surpassed last year's total and the community spay/neuter program by 130.
- All the Cats program was awarded \$20,000 from the Bluegrass Area Development District. The 2021 total was \$25,000 and 2022 could be more.
- On a motion from Fred Deaton, seconded by Miche' Branscum, the board voted to make All the Cats an official FCHS program. Discussion on this included being able to grow the program if it were officially part of FCHS activities, the fact that it could help with Bluegrass ADD and other funding sources, and the need to ensure that the program is not cut in the future.
- HSUS representative Todd Blevins asked FCHS for help in Spencer County, where there is no housing for cats and we had some space available. Christina, Gae, Ruth Webb and Kerry pulled 38 cats (29 adults/9 kittens) on Monday; rescue took 5 adults and 4 kittens from us. All but 3 of those remaining look to be in pretty good health. Kentucky Humane pulled 3 Spencer County and 4 of our cats; Anderson County pulled 3 more; 13 have been neutered and 6 are left to vet. One cat needs to have its eyes removed; there has been 1 leg amputation and 1 has been euthanized. Spencer County will try to implement TNR.
- New Leash on Life volunteer Ron Watson spent four hours as Santa at the Feeders Supply Picture Your Pets event; the event raised about \$1,000. Thanks to Ron Watson (Santa), Virgie See (Santa's helper), Dustin Cole, Mike & Lauren Ball, Shannon Griffith (Santa's helper), Lori Macintire, Liese Coleman and, of course, Deb Graner for helping coordinate volunteers.

- Staff expressed appreciation for the end-of-year bonuses.

New Leash on Life (Terri Lynn Smith)

- Report included as part of record.
- November was one of the highest-revenue months of the year.
- FCHS will continue to provide masks for volunteers and staff.
- On a motion by John Hibbard, seconded by Mike Ball, the board approved making masks optional, instead of mandatory, for customers. Sam Marcus and Miche' Branscum voted against the motion. Masks will still be highly recommended and provided to customers who don't have one.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Broyles)

- September report included as part of the record.
- On a motion by Fred Deaton, seconded by John Hibbard, the board approved the treasurer's report. Sam Marcus noted that removing the New Building Fund income and expenses from the financials provided a better measure against the budget.

Capital Campaign (John Hibbard)

- Funds update -- \$2,723,776 in NBF; \$248,619 has been paid out. Year-to-date gains are more than \$67,422; 88% of funds are fixed; 12% are equity. Other funds: Myrna Mitchell for spay/neuter, \$234,834 -- \$15,386 year to date increase; reserve investment fund, \$155,539 -- \$16,214 year to date increase.
- Bourbon raffle: 1,189 tickets sold; \$121,840 has been raised; 420 days are left and a marketing plan is needed for the closing. Bill Klier was commended for his work on the raffle; he asked members to share and reshare the raffle Facebook posts. Leo Haggerty also was commended for his efforts on the raffle.

TNR

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

Membership

- A membership mailer went out today. Fred Deaton suggested advertising to support the membership drive.

On a motion by Fred Deaton, the board went into executive session at 7:08 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:30 p.m.; no action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.