

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter
Board Meeting Minutes- August 3,2021
Georgetown City Hall Community Room**

Diane Murray called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm. All in attendance except for Nigel Wingate, Lucy Mitchum, and April Haughey. A quorum is present.

Secretary's Report:

Joanna made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Naomi seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report:

JoAnna presented the financial records for July 2021. Our July income was \$1,511,45. We had \$1,510.61 of expenses including \$695.00 to Patterson Vet and \$851.61 for membership gifts (paid out of the gift fund). The ending balance in our checking account was \$20,474.27. Our savings account holds \$95,037.30. Our Facebook account holds \$25. Our Vanguard increased \$813.

FOGAS received an invoice for \$945 from Road Warrior for technical support and web hosting. This expense was approved by the board in January.

Patterson Vet gave us a discount of \$2,446. Joanna suggested adding a 'thank you' banner to the FOGAS website in appreciation of this discount.

Susan made a motion to approve the report as presented. Mary seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Shelter Update:

Jack Daly reported that 22 kittens were adopted at the library adoption event.

The shelter received a generous donation of \$20,000 from the Peck family.

With the exception of one animal control officer, the shelter is currently fully staffed.

As of July 21, 2021 the shelter holds 38 dogs and 62 cats.

Melissa is having surgery August 8, 2021 and will be out for approximately one month.

The lobby is still closed to the public. It will eventually be reopened, but staff report that working by appointment has improved the quality of adopters and less time is wasted.

ACO's are now handing out Emancipet vouchers. April will report back on how this is working.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

Naomi reported that the final meeting with Rentsch (for the September 18 event) was very productive. They opted for a singer rather than band to encourage conversation and lingering. Rentsch will be providing the tables for eating and selling shirts. The tables will be arranged in the same area as the prior event.

JoAnna agreed to arrange the baskets.

Naomi suggested that FOGAS be in charge of flyers next year, as opposed to Rentsch, in order to ensure we have them early.

A draft event agenda was sent out over email last week.

Publicity has been sent to Sun Rays, social media, Community Impacts (Cedar Park, Round Rock, Leander, Georgetown), Williamson County Sun, and is usually picked up by the Austin American Statesman. Hanging posters locally will be addressed through email and at the September meeting. The Georgetown Animal Shelter Board of Directors will be invited and event flyers will be at the adoption event held on September 18, 2021 at Wise Council.

JoAnna, Sharon, Mary have volunteered to look in the shed for FOGAS supplies to use at the event

Sharon Vitti and Elizabeth will sell T-shirts at the event. Adult sizes will be sold for \$15 and youth sizes for \$10.

Membership:

Sharon reported that gifts have been packaged and labeled by membership level in preparation for the Rentsch event. She has prepared a message for April to give during the event that explains the gifts and encourages attendees to join FOGAS. Blue membership cards will be at the event for this purpose.

Newsletter:

Sharon reported that Nigel will be highlighting the Rentsch event and sponsors in the August newsletter.

JoAnna moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Hinds, secretary