

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2022**

Diane Murray, FOGAS president, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All board members were in attendance except for April Haughey.. A quorum is present

**Secretary's Report:**

Mika Miller presented the April 2022 minutes. Joanna made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mary seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

JoAnna Green presented April 2022's financial records. The ending balance in our checking account was \$16,814.67. The ending balance in our savings account was \$65,051.00. Our Facebook account holds \$35.01. JoAnna reported that Amplify Austin gave us \$10,308.88 in matching funds. She is unsure of the formula AA used to determine matching amount. A report has been requested by JoAnna, but as of this meeting it has not been provided. In order to increase donations next year JoAnna suggested brainstorming ways to increase awareness of the campaign. Sharon suggested AA committee members look at the provided trainings earlier. Diane commented that the trainings are not user friendly. Our Vanguard dropped approximately \$3,000 this month. The Earth day event was a big success bringing in \$1,911.00. JoAnna stated that we spent additional money on grab bag supplies for the Red Poppy Festival due to the great demand.

Nigel Wingate made a motion that Sharon Buford and JoAnna Green be the signatories on our Vanguard account. Mary Treuter seconded the motion and it was approved but the board.

Elizabeth motioned that the April 2022 financial records be approved by the board as presented. Mika seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

**Shelter Update:**

Jack Daly reported as April Haughey will be out until May 25, 2022. The month of April had 96.6% live release rate. Kitten season has started and the shelter has received a big influx of kittens. The kennel drain covers have been received and the city is currently looking for a contractor to install them. The Shelter has 3 adoption events scheduled in May and 1 in June. May 7's event will be at Pupology, May 21's will be at the Shred Fest, May 28's event will be at Wag Heaven, and June 4's event will be at Pupology. FOGAS is welcome at any of these events.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership/Website:**

Sharon reported that we added 2 new members and had 1 renewal in April. Elizabeth suggested sending "Behind the Scenes" videos to each FOGAS member

each month. These could serve as an incentive to join FOGAS and as a way to increase shelter awareness in the public. Different ways of distributing these were discussed. Elizabeth agreed to make a sample video before the next meeting.

### **Newsletter:**

Nigel reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is quickly approaching. He is in need of new material. Melissa was suggested as the next person to feature. Nigel encourages the board to send him ideas and pictures.

### **Fundraising:**

Diane reported that the Earth/Recycle day went well. We raised \$1,911.00. It was very well organized. It was mentioned by the city that this event would be repeated in the fall. Diane will follow up with Teresa to confirm. The Red Poppy event was also a success. Grab bags were very popular. It was suggested that we look for other volunteers to work in the booth.

### **Social Media:**

Debbie reported that adding a donation button to our FaceBook page continues to be a struggle. Debbie needs an EIN number to look into it further. JoAnna will get this to Debbie. It was brought up that Debbie did a great job adding pictures to our Facebook and Instagram pages during the Poppy Fest and the Earth Day events.

### **Volunteers:**

Mika reported that less than half of our current members marked that volunteering was an interest to them. This makes getting involvement difficult. The board agreed that Mika did a wonderful job using Signup for organizing our last events.

### **Old Business:**

Diane reported that the MOA still hasn't been signed. A meeting with April will be scheduled as soon as possible to complete this.

Elizabeth reported that we are still waiting to hear from Reunion Ranch as a possible fall fundraiser site. She will continue to follow up. It was agreed that a decision about Rentsch needs to be made by June.

Mika reported that she talked to Jillian from Charity Game Changers of Killen. 3% of events net income that month will be donated to charity. The charities rotate each month between Shriners, ROCK and FOGAS (if we agree to join). They are requesting we sign a yearly contract so CGC can use our name and to show that they are giving money to legitimate charity. FOGAS will have no responsibilities and there is no penalty for breaking the contract.

Nigel motioned that we enter into a contract for one year with Charity Game Changers. Joanna seconded the motion. It was approved by the board with one vote of "opposed". JoAnna agreed to sign the contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Hinds, secretary