

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter  
Board Meeting Minutes-Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
Via Zoom**

The President, Diane Murray, called the meeting to order at 6:02.  
All in attendance except for Sharon Vitti. A quorum is present.

**Secretary's Report:**

JoAnna moved to approve April's minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Susan and approved by the board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

JoAnna reported that our Vanguard increased by about \$1,500 this month. Amplify Austin donated \$539 to us for participating in the event as an animal shelter. The spa fundraiser raised \$225. The proceeds from the Kendra Scott event will be handed over in 2-4 weeks. The total amount raised is unknown at this time. Our May income was \$1,935.90. We had \$875.14 of expenses. The ending balance in our checking account was \$37,531.81 Our savings account holds \$80,032.96. Our Facebook account holds \$25. JoAnna suggested that we move \$10,000 into savings. Sharon made a motion to approve the report as presented. Nigel seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

**Long Range Plan:**

The Rentsch event will be held on 9/25/2021.

We are scheduled to have a display in the library during the month of September. Sharon asks that we forward any pictures of past events to her for this display and for the website.

**Shelter Update:**

Jack Daly reported the shelter has made two requests for employee positions. The first is a customer relations position. This new hire would be responsible for ensuring the public has a positive experience while interacting with the shelter. The second position is for a new vet tech. They are seeking someone to give quality behavior assessments and help staff improve the behavior of dogs. This will primarily be done through dog playgroups.

The new vet, Brandy, is starting in June. She is coming from Denver and is starting a teaching practice in Central Texas. She will work 16 hours a week at the shelter. She has requested the shelter purchase a Laryngoscope at \$1022, an Otoscope at \$845, and a Bionet monitor for \$5,695. The items total \$7,571. The purchase request was opened for discussion. The board wants to ensure that equipment stays at shelter for our use. Jack assured the board that the items would not leave the shelter. The need for this equipment as opposed to what is currently used was also a concern. Jack explained that currently the shelter only does spay and neuter

surgeries. This equipment will allow different types of surgery to be done instead of sending animals to local vets. This equipment will also allow us to update our protocols for animal care. Diane made a motion to approve the \$7571 for the cost of the equipment. Naomi seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the board.

A new Animal Control Officer has been hired and will start soon. The shelter is actively recruiting a new vet tech.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Fundraising:**

Naomi will be meeting with those who expressed interest in planning the Rentsch event. They will begin the process in June.

#### **Membership:**

Sharon reports that we will be honoring current and past members at the Rentsch event. We currently have 24 active and 6 expired members. Sharon reached out to the Georgetown Public Library membership chair to get details on how they honor their members. In the past they have held a catered luncheon in one of the larger meeting rooms. Sharon offered to sponsor gifts for our members. A ceramic mug, key chain, and notepad will have the FOGAS logo printed on them by Ink Images. Sharon estimates the total cost will be around \$1,000. Other ideas were discussed and Sharon will report back with her findings.

#### **Website:**

The website has been updated and looks great. The board appreciates Sharon's work on this.

#### **Newsletter:**

Nigel reports that the next issue will come out sometime around the end of May. It will feature Nancy and her contributions to the shelter. The med spa event will also be included. Nigel requests pictures and text be forwarded to him.

#### **New Business:**

The idea to change our bylaws to include people who are not currently active volunteers at the shelter was presented at April's meeting. It was opened for discussion. Changing this bylaw will allow us to recruit those with specialized skills that could benefit the board. Joanna made a motion to approve the new bylaw. Sharon seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Lucy Mitchum was presented as a possible new board member. Elizabeth made a motion to approve her addition. Diane seconded the motion and it was approved by a majority vote by the board.

Naomi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Hinds, Secretary