

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter
Board Meeting Minutes-Tuesday June 1, 2021**

The president, Diane Murray, called the meeting to order at 6:03. All in attendance except for Susan Jelmini-Haynes. A quorum is present.

Secretary's Report:

Sharon made a motion to approve May's minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Nigel and approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report:

JoAnna presented the financial records for May 2021. Our May income was \$1,1228.56. There were no expenses this month as the supplies purchased for the new vet will show in June's expenses. The ending balance in our checking account was \$23,760.37. The ending balance in our savings account was \$95,032.96. \$15,000 was transferred to savings. Our Facebook account holds \$25.00. JoAnna reports that our Vanguard increased around \$200. We are still waiting for the proceeds from the Kendra Scott fundraiser. JoAnna estimates we earned around \$56. Naomi made a motion to approve the records as presented. Sharon seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Long Range Plan:

The Rentsch fundraiser will be held on 9/18/21 instead of 9/25/21. We are still scheduled to have a display in the library during the month of September.

Shelter Update:

April Haughey reported that May was incredibly busy at the shelter. There were 138 intakes. Owner surrender requests have been coming in at an alarming rate. This is following a nation wide trend. There was an uptick in March and surrenders have continued to increase. Shelter staff have noticed people are 'shelter shopping' as all area shelters are full. They are receiving many surrender inquiries from out of the shelter's boundaries.

The shelter has started participating in a social media campaign called #strayoftheday. April asked that board members share these images on their own social media pages.

Brandy, the new shelter vet, reports to work next week. She will attend orientation on Monday and begin seeing animals on Wednesday. April will invite her to attend a board meeting soon.

The shelter is still seeking ways to assist the community. The pet food pantry served around 232 people this year and continues to be utilized. The pantry provides pet owners with food, cat litter, and other pet supplies.

The shelter has a relationship with Adopt-a-Pet.com. If an individual successfully re-homes a pet the shelter receives a donation.

The shelter has also developed a partnership with Emancipet. The shelter has agreed to be a host site for their mobile clinic on four dates. Emancipet will provide heart worm treatment, flea prevention, nail trims, and spay and neuter surgeries during these clinics. Anyone who reserves a time will be accepted.

A voucher program is currently being developed. An ACO or a shelter staff member can make a referral for a voucher to be used at Emancipet. The voucher will be good for a spay and neuter surgery, microchipping, and pain meds for 3 days. Emancipet will then send the shelter an invoice for the vouchers used. Referrals will be tracked by the shelter. Only Georgetown residents will be eligible for a voucher. The shelter is asking friends to match their contribution of \$2500 (40 vouchers total). After a discussion it was decided that the request will be tabled until the funds are actually necessary.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

The Rentsch event has been moved to 9/18/21. Susan and Naomi will be going to Rentsch on 6/9/21 to see the site and discuss specific event details. Susan suggested changing the raffle table to a silent auction. This will be decided closer to the event. Sharon was able to secure a golf basket. The basket includes 4 rounds of golf donated by Georgetown Country Club and various golf supplies donated by the pro shop at Sun City.

Membership:

Sharon would like to add the new lifetime members of FOGAS to the recognition plaque hanging in the shelter. The cost is .20 per character for a total of around \$10. Elizabeth made a motion giving Sharon permission to complete this task as needed. Nigel seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Sharon and her husband donated \$600 to FOGAS to buy appreciation gifts for members. Chevron has agreed to match it. We currently have 32 members (26 active and 6 expired). Sharon will purchase 100 can koozies, keychains, notepads, and mugs. The items will have the FOGAS logo printed on them. She will bag the items in groups according to membership level. Elizabeth, Mary, and April have agreed to hand out the bags at the Rentsch event. The board greatly appreciates Sharon's donation and the time she has spent on this effort.

Sharon made a motion that the board allow her to purchase and bag membership gifts. Mary seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

It was suggested that a specific time (during the event) be set for member recognition. The time could be printed on event publicity. This would eliminate the need for multiple interruptions during the event and ensure all those wanting recognition would be present.

Mary and Elizabeth agreed to arrange the display case in September as Sharon will be traveling. Sharon will have all materials organized for them. Thank you, Sharon!

Newsletter:

Nigel reported that the Q2 edition of the FOGAS newsletter will be published at the end of this week. It has been proofread and edited. The next edition (Q3) will be out in September. Nigel asked that members forward photos and text to him for inclusion in the next edition. Shelter staff will keep an eye out for an animal that can be featured from intake to adoption. The animal needs to have directly benefitted from FOAGS donations.

New Business:

An updated contact list will be sent out by Sharon.

Sharon will be leading the July meeting as Diane will be traveling.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Hinds, Secretary