

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Via Zoom  
Tuesday January 4, 2022**

Diane Murray, FOGAS president, called the meeting called to order at 6:02. All in attendance except for Chanelle Chavez and Mary Treuter. A quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report:**

The December 2021 minutes were presented by Elizabeth Hinds. Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. April seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Elizabeth's term as secretary was finished in December. Diane nominated Elizabeth for a second term as board secretary. Susan seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

JoAnna Green presented December 2021's financial records. The ending balance in our checking account was \$18,230.77. Our savings account holds \$90,046.73. Our Facebook account holds \$25.00. Our Vanguard gained \$723.61. We raised \$1,880.15 at the Christmas Stroll. We received a last minute donation of \$5,000 that will show on January's statement.

It was reported that we had several new and renewing memberships this month, as well as, several donations due to the newsletter.

JoAnna determined that FOGAS had 7 fundraisers this year. In total we raised \$10,425.02.

Sharon made a motion to approve the records as presented. Nigel seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

**Shelter Update:**

April Haughey reported that space is still a great concern. 10 animals were euthanized this month. Several of the dogs were put down due to lack of kennel space. The shelter had a live release rate of 94%. Two medical cases were transferred to Austin Animal Center.

A new Animal Control Officer, Landon, is starting January 18th. The shelter still has an animal tech position open. The job has been posted and applications are being looked at.

The shelter vet, Brandy, is reducing her hours at the shelter as she has taken a university consulting position. April is working with payroll to determine if Brandy goes to a contract position. The shelter has posted a job listing in search of coverage for the days Brandy can't be at the shelter (one Wednesday a month and no Thursdays). Brandy has agreed to still conduct the free spay clinics.

April stated that the existing play yards will be divided Wednesday, January 5. The division gives more dogs the opportunity to be out of their kennels and allows more flexibility in the ways dogs are grouped together. It was determined that the shelter will need more pools, toy boxes, and trash cans. After evaluating exactly what is needed Friends will help with these purchases.

April reminded the board that the Amazon Smile program is an easy way to bring in donations. She asked that we promote it on social media. It has already been featured in every issue of the newsletter.

The shelter has two funds for making purchases. The first fund holds general taxpayer dollars and is used for the majority of spending. Funds that come from unsolicited donations go to the Special Revenue Fund. This money is protected and cannot be returned to the city if there is a surplus at the end of the year. April included a list of one time expenses that the shelter anticipates this year. These projects would be paid for using the SRF.

After discussing these expenses it was decided that FOGAS will focus their fundraising campaigns on the flooring in the stray cat area and grate coverings in the dog kennels. This will allow the shelter to focus on other items on the list. April will gather pictures and will get employee perspectives to help the campaigns.

Sharon made a motion that FOGAS commit to purchasing the grates and floors for up to \$60,000. These projects will be the focus of our fundraising campaigns. If there is a major change in pricing a discussion will occur. Jo Anna seconded this motion and it was approved by the board.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership/Website:**

Sharon asked for assistance. She would like another board member to learn about the software used for both membership and website. This person will work along Sharon to make updates and be her backup. Please send an email to Sharon if interested.

#### **Newsletter:**

Nigel reported that this evening's discussion would help provide content for the next issue. The next issue will come out in mid February.

The following committees need a chairperson:

- Fundraising
- Publicity
- Social media
- Volunteer coordinator
- Marketing plan

Please email Diane if interested in any of these positions.

### **Upcoming Fundraising Events:**

**Amplify Austin-** March 2 and 3- if working on the campaign please make plans to attend the ILHIGH workshop on Jan 26

**Superbowl Sunday Golf Scramble-** February 13 -7:30 am at Crystal Falls Golf Course . The organizers have set a goal of \$5000. It was suggested that FOGAS have a booth, sell t-shirts, and possibly organize a game for additional donations. Diane will make contact with the event organizer.

April, Sharon and Diane will meet about the MOU this month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21

Respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Hinds, Secretary