

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter
Board Meeting Minutes
March 1,2022**

Diane Murray, FOGAS president, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. All in attendance except for Nigel Wingate and JoAnna Green. A quorum is present.

Diane Murray announced the passing of board member Susan Jelmini Haynes. Her family has asked that in lieu of flowers family and friends should make a donation to FOGAS. The board was saddened to hear of Susan's death. She will be missed.

Special Guests:

Gridiron presented a check to FOGAS in the amount of \$3014. The donation was raised during the golf tournament held on Super Bowl Sunday.

Secretary's Report:

Elizabeth Hinds presented the February 2022 minutes. Mika 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 February 2022's financial records. The ending balance in our checking account was \$4,011.74. The ending balance in our savings account was \$85,046.73. Our Facebook account holds \$35.00. JoAnna reported via email that our Vanguard lost around \$1000.00 due to instability in the stock market. The supplies needed for the new dog yards have been ordered along with the dog pools. The new floor grates have been paid for but the floors have not. JoAnna will need to transfer money from savings to cover expenses. The new volunteer walk board arrived, but was missing the number 10. Since the proof was approved the company usually doesn't cover the costs of correcting mistakes. They agreed to pay half of a new, corrected board. Dog walkers and staff are asked to use quality markers and erasers to lengthen the life of the new board. Sharon motioned that the financial records be approved as presented. Mary seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Shelter Update:

April Haughey reported that Brandy completed a spay clinic on Saturday. During the clinic 16 spays and 8 neuters were done. The new vet candidate, Dr Gibson, has been preapproved for employment by the city. He will be completing trial contract days tomorrow and possibly March 16. He seems to be a good fit. If he accepts the position his schedule will be two 8 hour days a week. In order to be competitive with other veterinary job listings the daily wage had to be increased by \$75. The funding for this increase will come from extra hours accumulated from current employee vacancies.

The new floors will start going in on Monday (March 7). The staff is currently cleaning out cabinets with volunteers scheduled to help on Thursday and Friday. The new grates have been paid for and should be installed in 4-6 weeks.

The first FOGAS TIKTok has been put out. It featured a dog named Mrs. May.

Committee Reports:

Membership/Website:

Sharon reported that we lost 5 memberships this month to nonrenewal. We currently have 34 members. Cold calling was suggested as a way to determine why they chose to not renew.

We need to plan a membership event as the Rentsch event was not conducive to this. It was suggested that we coordinate with an adoption event. There is one scheduled for March 19.

Volunteer:

Mika has nothing to report. She has met with Sharon and is still getting familiarized with the software.

Fundraising:

Amplify Austin begins tomorrow (March 2). FOGAS has set a goal of \$10,000. Difficulties working with the AA technology resources were discussed. It was suggested that someone attend their offered technology trainings next November.

Red Poppy Festival will be held April 22-24. FOGAS will attend with the shelter. We will sell t-shirts and grab bags. Lucy and Chantelle volunteered to make the grab bags.

The city's Earth/Recycling Day event will be held April 16 from 9-1. We will need volunteers to collect donations. Melissa provided a wish list to the event organizers.

Social Media:

Debbie reports that post engagement is up on Facebook. We are slowly getting followers on Instagram. Sharing posts between the shelter and FOGAS was discussed.

Marketing Plan:

Elizabeth will send out a planning form for review.

Old Business:

We are still in need of a VP.

Due to icy weather and scheduling conflicts the meeting to discuss the MOU was delayed. It is to be rescheduled soon.

Feedback notes regarding the Rentsch event were provided through email. Hosting this event next year was discussed. Elizabeth and Debbie will brainstorm alternative ideas and report back.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Hinds, Secretary