

Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter
Board Meeting Minutes
April 5th, 2022

Meeting called to Order: 6:01pm by Diane Murray

Attendees: Nigel Wingate, Mika Miller, April Haughey, Mary Treuter, Debbie Brand, JoAnna Green, Diane Murray, Sharon Buford. A quorum is present.

Secretary's Report:

Elizabeth was not present but Diane asked if there were any concerns about the minutes from the last meeting. There were none. JoAnna motioned to approve the minutes, Mika second. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

JoAnna moved money from savings to checking to cover the grates in the dog kennels and the flooring in the cat intake area. We received income from Amplify Austin and memorial donations. We found that \$10,000 that we thought was a donation in our Amplify Austin drive was actually part of a matching fund so our number was lower than we thought as far as donations went. We hope to have all the matching portions by mid-April, but don't have an exact date. JoAnna will double check to make sure we are getting what was a donation and what was matching. Our donation number (per donor) did go up this year for Amplify. It was suggested to reach out to All Things Wild to see how they advertise it and do so well, even though they do have a much larger following. We also received \$405 in honorarium, \$2175 in memorial donations, and \$3014 from gridiron golf. We lost about \$1000 in the Vanguard account due to the downturn in the economy.

Nigel motioned to approve the treasurer report, Mary second, Passed.

Shelter Update:

April reported that they took in 95 (72 dogs, 23 cats). 42 adoptions, 27 returns. 98% live release rate for the month. Dr. Gibson will remain on contract vs. accepting a position with the city. April would like to move \$17,000 from personnel to operations on her budget to pay for his expenses. Brandy will do the spay/neuter clinic on the 26th. There were 9 spays and 9 neuters. There are two more s/n clinics, doctors on duty to be decided at a later date.

The new grates were shipped from the east coast on the 14th. Once she gets them she will get a contractor out to cut them to size.

A local business/charity Game Changers has made many donations to the shelter, but is now asking for a contract to be signed between the shelter and their organization for further donations. April handed out copies of the contract. The city legal department would not sign the contract as the city is unable to enter into contracts with donors, so April presented it to FOGAS to see if we could partner with them so as to not lose this funding. They have donated \$14,350

to the shelter thus far and had a donation ready of approx. \$800/900. Shelley is the owner of this organization and wants to continue to be a donor. Mika said she would take the contract and do some research to make sure that it would be worth signing a contract with them or not. She will present her findings at the next meeting.

Nigel made a request to April for another hose for the play yards at the shelter.

Committee Reports:

Membership/Website - Sharon

Sharon was late to the meeting and missed her section and had nothing to report later.

Newsletter - Nigel

The next newsletter will be in May. Send anything to him that you want to add. He is going to try to change up the design to keep it fresh.

Fundraising - Diane

Volunteers - Mika

Diane mentioned that there are shelters that get donations from vanity license plates and she asked April if that was something we could take part in. The answer is unknown. Diane said she would continue to look into this.

Earth Day Recycling: Volunteers are signing up and board members also stated when they would be able to help that day. We could use tubs for donations and JoAnna will bring those and the receipt book for monetary donations.

Poppyfest is coming. She will send an email to April about volunteers. Mika to make a sign up genius for FOGAS volunteers to help sell t-shirts, goodie bags that Lucy and Chenille will make, and awareness to our FOGAS mission.

Social Media:

Going to make a DropBox account to make it easier to share photos between Deb, Nigel, etc.

Marketing Plan:

Elizabeth is working on it and created a form that she shared, but she was not in attendance so this will be discussed next time.

Old Business:

MOA - April, Sharon, and Diane worked on this and sent it out to everyone for review. Mika mentioned that they indicated in the top paragraph that they would refer to the parties and Shelter and Friends and then throughout the document they refer to them as The Shelter and The Friends and they "The" needed to be removed to make this cohesive. With that change made Nigel motioned to approve, JoAnna second, Passed.

Fall Fundraiser:

Elizabeth, Debbie, and Diane got together for an idea to replace Rentch. Elizabeth will present the idea at the next meeting, but the idea is going to be at a part where the focus is only on FOGAS and the shelter vs. having to share time and space with a local business. They are also waiting on a phone call from Reunion Ranch and should get more info in the coming weeks.

Poppyfest

It will be the 22nd - 24th. The shifts for the shelter volunteers and FOGAS will both be Friday from 5pm-9pm. Saturday from 10am-1:30pm, Saturday 1:30pm to 5pm. Sunday 11:00am-1:30pm and 1:30pm-4pm. Mika will send out a sign up genius for friends volunteers. April suggested making a small handout with a QR code on it attached to a piece of candy for the pet parade. Nigel will help Saturday afternoon. Sharon can help Friday night. Lucy and Chenille will do the grab bags for the tent table. We will have square readers to take donations. April is more than willing to help take donations during times that a FOGAS volunteer can't attend.

New Business:

The brick in memory of Susan will cost \$80. April did mention that the city has put new restrictions on what can be on the brick and it needs to mention animals in some way and just saying friends might be an issue, but she will look it over when the time is here. Language to be determined later. Motion to approve this purchase by JoAnna, second by Nigel, Passed.

Diane reminded us that we need new board members and a VP.

Discussions about how to advertise for a new board member ensued. Suggestions were to post it in the Sun City Pet Club newsletter. It was also suggested to have an interest form to fill out so the applicant can explain the reasoning behind their interest and state any experience or skills that might make them an asset so we could then decide who would be a good candidate or not. Mika suggested this as she has done this on another board and she would get information about questions to make up the form by next time. When it is time, we could also use a QR code in print for people to access the form.

Annual Report

This was presented to the board upon completion. It was decided we didn't need to make a motion to approve.

Adjourned by Diane at 7:20pm; 2nd by Mary.

Respectfully submitted by Mika Miller.