

**Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter
Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022**

Sharon Buford called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All in attendance except for Diane Murray, Nigel Wingate, and April Haughey. A quorum is present.

Secretary's Report:

Elizabeth presented the May 2022 minutes. Joanna motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented with the addition of one point clarification in the treasurer's report. She requests that it be specified that the grab bags were used at Red Poppy Festival. Mika seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. Elizabeth will add Joanna's correction and then forward the final minutes to Sharon.

Treasurer's Report:

JoAnna presented May 2022's financial records. The ending balance in our checking account was \$19,595.26. The ending balance in our savings account was \$65,051.00. Our Facebook account holds \$35.01. Our Vanguard account experienced a small loss of \$66. JoAnna reported that we had several small expenses this month such as stamps and a bill for \$290 for mister repair. We will have another charge for mister repair next month for additional repairs. Joanna asked the board for recommendations for another repair/maintenance company as the current company seems to be overcharging.

Elizabeth motioned that the financial records be accepted as presented. Debbie seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Sharon reports that she attended the adoption events held at Pupology and Wag Heaven this month. We acquired 3 new members and a \$200 donation at the Pupology event and 1 new member at the Wag Heaven event. These additions along with 2 renewals brings our total active membership to 38 people.

Social Media:

Debbie reports that as FOGAS doesn't have much happening she is encouraging followers to visit the shelter's social media pages and publicizing their events. Debbie is still struggling with the addition of a donation button on Facebook. She has been in contact with them and they won't acknowledge Debbie and instead require a different level of administrator. She will continue to work with JoAnna and Shawn Gunnin on this. The board acknowledged to great work Debbie has done on FOGAS' social media pages. Followers have increased and engagement is up.

Volunteers:

Mika has nothing to report.

Website:

Sharon reported that she is in need of new photos for updating the site. Board members are asked to forward pictures of recent events to Sharon.

Old Business:

Vice President position:

JoAnna motioned that the VP position be filled by Mika Miller. Mary seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

New Board Member Nominations:

Diane nominated, by absentia, the following people:

Amber Rainey is a current shelter volunteer who does administration work and coordinates cat volunteers. Debbie seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Vicki Creel is a new shelter volunteer who has an accounting background. Lucy seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

Fall Fundraisers:

Elizabeth reported that she finally received a fundraising proposal from Reunion Ranch. Without catering and necessary staff the total cost for holding an event at their facility was over \$5,000. It was decided that this was not feasible.

Rentsch has expanded their food options to not only food trucks but also catering. This opens up new options for FOGAS that may work better than our past events. Either Elizabeth or Diane will contact Rentsch and discuss new ideas for this year's event.

Amplify Austin:

Sharon reported that Diane had been in contact with AA and she found them reluctant to share information regarding matching funds. It was noted that there was a lack of transparency. Next year we need to increase the amount we receive in public donations to also increase our percentage of matching funds.

New Business:

The Downtown Georgetown Association is holding a calendar fundraiser. FOGAS and the shelter will be featured in the calendar along with the Georgetown Fire Department, WCRAS, and the Weir Fire Department. The calendars will be sold in local businesses and FOGAS will receive a portion of the profits. Mika and several shelter dogs attended the photo shoot this morning. She reported that the dogs did great but the GFD had a call and could not attend. A second photo shoot will need to be scheduled.

Jack Daly reported that the city council requested that a partnership between the city shelter and WCRAS be explored. The city is having space issues due to the huge growth Georgetown is experiencing. A partnership would free up much needed space for the city and allow them to expand other facilities. Discussions are in the very early stages and the process is anticipated to be slow. Jack feels the discussions should focus on level of service, cost, and outcomes. He encourages

FOGAS to keep working until a final decision has been made and would encourage board members to lift up shelter staff when possible. This is a very busy time and the possibility of a partnership has made morale low.

The kennel grates are scheduled to be installed on July 16 and 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.