



Minutes of TLC Humane Society Meeting January 16, 2020

Call to order: A general meeting of TLC Humane Society (aka Dahlonega Lumpkin County Humane Society) was held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, Ga., on January 16, 2020, convening at 6:00 pm, President Desirae Carroll presiding and Treasurer Susan Russell taking minutes.

Board Members in Attendance: Desirae Carroll, Gayle Gannaway, Esther Morgan-Ellis, Susan Russell, Mary Tess Syfan, Courtney Chandler, Shelby Clark

General Members in Attendance: Michelle MacKenzie, Christine Sheppard, Liz Gregory, Sara Henley, Barbara Cavender, Bill Burgess, Ted Nickelson, Catherine Nickelson, Connie Thompson, George Thompson, Marti Carver, SusAn Beaulieu, Margaret Grenleski, Mike Russell

Guests: Jade Sessums, April Russell

Approval of agenda: Motion was made by Mary Tess Syfan to approve agenda as written, seconded by Sara Henley. Motion was carried.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the November meeting were distributed and read silently. Motion was made by Mary Tess Syfan to approve as written, seconded by Desirae Carroll. Motion was carried.

Officer Reports:

President's Report (Desirae Carroll)

- Intern program with UNG Business Collage is starting. Two interns will work on event planning, social media, etc., working about 10 hours a week, mostly from home.
- We have finally ended our contract with Advanced Disposal. Grogan will be our new trash company, which will save about \$30 per month.

Financial Report (Susan Russell)

- For 2019, we were \$10,247 in the black
- In addition, we were able to pay down the mortgage further; new balance is \$21K
- Fundraising was very successful; we brought in \$11K more than forecast. Donations for medical needs and General Donations also exceeded 2019 forecast
- Budget:
 - Due to significantly higher spay & neuter costs from Red Barn, Hemlock Vet will handle most of that work in 2020. Preadoption costs will still increase 10%-15%.
 - Vet medical costs are very unpredictable. Goal is to bring in \$10,500 more through adoption fees & donations for medical needs than we spend for vet & medication costs.
 - Based on 2019, forecast is \$42K for General Donations & \$35K net for Fundraisers
 - Goal for Buildings & Grounds maintenance is \$8K
 - Budget for Utilities is also \$8K, although we should continue to look for ways to reduce
 - Motion to approve budget was carried

Animal Services/Shelter Report (Michelle MacKenzie)

- 253 Adoptions, 246 Intakes in 2019



- As of January 1, 2020, we had 14 adult dogs, 16 puppies, 10 adult cats, 9 kittens
- 2 new adult dogs rescued from Clayton County
- Vinnie was hit by a car, which cracked his pelvis, requiring surgery. The \$3800 surgery was fully funded by our wonderful supporters! There is a foster family pending.
- Valerie gave birth to 11 puppies last night. Many thanks to Christine & Liz, who stayed with her all night during the birth, saving six of the puppies who would not have survived. Valerie is heart worm positive and very emaciated, so will require treatment & special nutrition.
- We are going to add caregiver hours, so will have two people working together three days a week
- We have started working with a trainer for some of our more challenging dogs. Batman has been going to school, and Pearl will start shortly.
- Oakley, our longest resident, has been adopted!

Fundraising (Susan Russell)

- The Amy Ray benefit was last night, January 15. There was a wonderful turnout, and brought in **\$8000!**
- Achasta Ladies' Club is holding a supply drive & fundraiser for us Feb 1-14
- Pups on the Porch will be the 1st Thursday every month starting March, depending on weather. Bring your dogs!
- Montaluce has invited us to their Blessings of Vines festival March 28
- Jeeps in the Vines at Kaya April 4. We can contribute to the raffle to bring in more money, which will then be donated to TLC.
- Bratzeit Spirit Nights April 23 & August 27
- Highway Handouts: **Bear on the Square** April 18 & 19, **Gold Rush** Oct 17 & 18, possibly **Arts & Wine Festival** May 16 & 17
- Walmart Supply Drives May 30, August 1, November 7
- Bark in the Park October 3
- Spirit Nights at Moe's & Downtown Drafts to be scheduled
- Social Media Fundraisers were very successful last year, need to keep it up

Buildings & Grounds (Gayle Gannaway)

- Gayle has estimates to replace windows in the main building from Home Depot & The Window Source. The bids included low-end & mid-grade windows. Motion was made by Gayle Gannaway to accept the mid-grade bid from The Window Source for \$3966. Motion was carried.
- We should consider replacing the carport door and the front door
- Gayle is going to ask Knepper Heating & Air for a quote on a mini-split for the Ruff House
- We are looking at options for an awning over a section of the Ruff House runs
- We will check with Knepper, and also Chad Edwardson, on options to get the new sound baffles for the Canine Castle

Announcements:

The next meeting will on March 19, 2020 at United Community Bank.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Approval:

Not yet approved

Susan D Russell

Treasurer, TLC Humane Society