



Minutes of TLC Humane Society Meeting July 19, 2018

Call to order: A general meeting of TLC Humane Society (aka Dahlonega Lumpkin County Humane Society) was held at the United Community Bank in Dahlonega, Ga., on July 19, 2018, convening at 6:00 pm, President Desirae Carroll presiding and Secretary-Treasurer Susan Russell taking minutes.

Board Members in Attendance:

Desirae Carroll, Susan Russell, Doreen Sanders

Board Members Not in Attendance: Gayle Gannaway, Esther Morgan-Ellis

General Members in Attendance: Michelle MacKenzie, Sara Henley, Mary Monks, Russell Monks

Guests: Amanda

Approval of agenda: Motion was made by Susan Russell to approve agenda as written, seconded by Sara Henley. Motion was carried

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were distributed and read silently. Motion was made by Desirae Carroll to approve, seconded by Sara Henley. Motion was carried.

Officer Reports:

President's Report (Desirae Carroll)

- Wayne Marshall is the new manager of the county shelter, effective July 1. Interactions thus far have been very positive. Desirae & Michelle will meet with him to further the working relationship.
- Board has approved a new mission statement. It is more concise and accurate than what we have had in the past. **TLC Humane Society provides compassionate care for dogs and cats by facilitating adoption and promoting responsible pet ownership in our community**
- Elections for Board members will be held in October. Doreen Sanders & Gayle Gannaway are up for re-election. Both were nominated to run again. *Note: In early August, Doreen resigned from the Board due to family issues.*
- Holiday Party will be Dec 8 or 15.

Financial Report (Susan Russell)

- Adoption income & medical/preadoption costs are all slightly under budget YTD. June Red Barn bill was very high due to sick cats.
- We received \$5000 from an estate, courtesy of Lena Pierce
- We received \$1000 grant from Orvis to improve the dog park; Kris is working on spending that grant money by September. Also \$1000 from Marguerite Wilder to improve the cat room.
- Building Maintenance: we have spent 99% of the budget.



Animal Services/Shelter Report: (Desirae Carroll/Michelle MacKenzie)

Adoptions, intakes & returns 2nd Quarter 2018:

- 38 adoptions
- 50 intakes, 5 returns, 1 deceased, 2 euthanized (1 cat & 1 kitten could not be saved)
- As of June 30, 14 dogs, 10 puppies, 12 cats & 17 kittens, total 26 adult animals & 53 total animals
- Kitten adoptions have been slow; we started getting them later than usual, and every shelter is full. We also had a lot of illnesses, which have just about run their course.
- We just had a litter of puppies abandoned in the carport; they are still in quarantine & will be named after Braves players.

Building (Susan Russell)

- Insulation in the attic has to be replaced. We have quotes for spray in & blown in. Spray in is higher quality and would be sprayed into the rafters; blown in would be on the floor of the attic, so possibly more accessible to vermin. Spray in is more energy efficient and more likely to last. After discussion, decision was made to go with spray in for \$2360. The access door into the attic will have to be replaced, Russ will look into. *Note: new insulation completed Aug 13*
- Department of Ag inspector mandated repairing the damaged floor in Puppy Palace. Kris volunteered to do the work; TLC will buy the materials.
- Also drainage at the new building will have to be addressed. One of our community service/adopters is in construction & said he would help Kris with that project.
- We will post on Facebook for an electrician to handle our wiring needs and hook up the generators. Russ will also check with Home Depot to see if they can help.
- \$1000 was donated for the cat room. We decided to use it for solid walls for noise control and quarantine purposes. Russ and Mary will work on a plan; we can schedule a work day once we have the materials.

Fundraising (Desirae Dubey & Susan Russell)

- Strut Your Mutt has started; we need as many people to participate as possible
- Bark in the Park- need sponsors, vendors, raffle items
- Pink Alley is donating 100% of July sales of painted rocks
- Moe's Spirit Night August 30.
- Woof 'n Wine at Cavender Creek September 8 11:00- 2:00. Adoption event, discount on wine for those who donate supplies or \$\$, a couple of artists, small raffle.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be on October 18, 2018 at United Community Bank.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Approval:

Approved October 18, 2018

Susan D Russell

Secretary-Treasurer, TLC Humane Society