

Minutes of TLC Humane Society Meeting
March 21, 2019

Call to order: A general meeting of TLC Humane Society (aka Dahlonga Lumpkin County Humane Society) was held at the United Community Bank in Dahlonga, GA, on March 21, 2019, convening at 6 pm, President Desirae Carroll presiding and Secretary Esther Morgan-Ellis taking minutes.

Board Members in Attendance: Desirae Carroll, Susan Russell, Gayle Gannaway, Esther Morgan-Ellis, Courtney Chandler, MaryTess Syfan

General Members in Attendance: Fred Manzella, Roberta Manzella, Shelby, Ethan, Bill Burgess, Kathleen Krueger, Michelle MacKenzie, Marti Carver, Sara Henley, Jessie Hartline, SusAn Beaulieu, Mary Monks, Patty Thompson, Kylie Menendez

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Desirae Carroll to approve agenda as written, seconded by Esther Morgan-Ellis. Friendly amendment made by Sara Henley. Motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were distributed and read silently. Motion was made by Marti Carver to approve as written, seconded by Sara Henley. Motion was carried.

Officer Reports:

Executive Report (Desirae Carrol)

- We are working on improvements to the puppy palace, funded by a specific donor who wants to honor someone who passed away. We are planning a dedication ceremony for May 31.

Animal Services Report (Michelle MacKenzie)

- We have had an unusually busy year so far, 22 total adoptions in January and 27 in February.
- We took in a total of 46 animals and adopted out 49.
- Right now we have 24 dogs, 16 puppies, 5 cats, and 6 kittens.
- Cat and kitten numbers are low for several reasons. We recently adopted out a difficult cat, Valentine, who was preventing us from taking in more cats. We are also in the midst of a cat room remodel, which has reduced space and increased stress.
- We currently have 7 senior animals including a long-term resident, Paisley, and recently took in a dog who needed to have a tumor and most of her teeth removed. Because of this, our medical bill will be higher this month.
- We had a lot of problems with coccidia last year. We are using a new de-wormer that has helped a lot. We are also dealing with a ringworm problem.
- Intakes are currently at a standstill while we deal with the above issues.

Financial Report (Susan Russell)

- At the end of February we had about \$55,000 in the checking account.
- The puppy palace will now be known as the Robert J. Ford Ruff House. Kathleen Childs, our donor, has committed to raising up to \$3,000 to cover all costs. The dedication ceremony will be

held on May 31. We fixed the stairs, replaced wood with chain link, and plan to replace the lights, resurface the concrete, and put up hardy plank siding.

- We have turned a profit of \$6,877.88 so far this year. That will probably disappear in March.
- We have already brought in 27% of our projected annual adoption revenue.
- General donations are meeting expectations and we have already reached our membership goal.
- We got a \$2,000 grant from the Dr. Jane Foundation.
- Our old insurance policy was cancelled because the company no longer wanted to cover humane societies. We now have a new policy in place.
- We paid a \$1,100 invoice for the Ruff House in March.

Fundraising (Susan Russell)

- The next fundraising event is at Walmart this Saturday from 10 to 2.
- Next Tuesday is a Spirit Night at Moe's from 5 to 8.
- On Thursday, April 11, there will be a Spirit Night at Bratzeit from 5 to 8. They are dog friendly.
- Jeeps on the Vine will be our first big fundraiser of the year. It will take place at Kaya Winery on April 20. We need volunteers to transport animals and to work at the festival. We can sell baked goods and dog treats. Kaya will have vendors and food. We get the money from the raffle table and the jeep contest. Kaya might also have a tasting tent at Bark in the Park.
- We will be asking for handouts on 400 during Bear on the Square, April 27-28. MaryTess has a sorority that is interested in helping.
- MaryTess has organized a Spirit Night at Downtown Drafts on April 30, starting at 5 pm. They don't serve food, but you can bring food into the establishment. They are dog friendly.
- The dedication of the Ruff House will take place on May 31. It will be a low-key event. Anyone involved with TLC is invited to come. There will be food. It is planned for 2 to 4.
- There will be another Walmart Supply Drive on June 1.
- An Open House has been scheduled for June 15, but there are not any plans as of yet. We will probably need raffle or silent auction items.
- There is a coffee company called Grounds and Hounds. They do Fair Trade coffee and they donate a percentage of their profits to shelters. If you use the code TLCsociety15, you get a discount and the shelter gets a donation.
- Amazon Smile and Facebook birthday fundraisers continue to bring in a significant amount of money.
- Kathleen Krueger is looking into the possibility of working with a nursery to do a plant sale fundraiser. We would buy plants wholesale and resell them. She is in conversation with several nurseries.

New Business

- We should try to organize a hike day for the big dogs again this year, perhaps at the end of May. Sara Henley will make plans.
- There is a work day on March 30. 15 to 20 college students will be at the shelter to help. Priorities include the drains, sink holes, yard work, clearing, and weed eating.

Old Business

- None

Announcements

- The next meeting will be on May 16 at 6 pm at United Community Bank.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approval

- *Not yet approved*