

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY, INC.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2022 || 6:00p-7:25p**

PRESENT: Leight Murray, (President), Amber Dennison, Esther Salem, Michele Newbanks, Mike Montgomery (Treasurer), Flite Freimann

Absent: None

1. Call to order at 6:00PM. Approval of Minutes of the Board meeting in June 2022:
  - Motion – Esther
  - Second – Mike
  - Unanimously approved
2. Public comments - None
3. Treasurer’s report – We received \$15,000 from the MCF Medical Fund, approximately \$2800 from the Rummage Sale. Vet bills were over \$9000 this past month. We operated at about a \$16000 loss.
  - Motion - Esther
  - Second – Michele
  - Unanimously approved
4. Executive Director’s Report
  - Intake of 57 dogs, 27 strays, 16 owner surrender, 14 from Dog Warden, none to rescue, 30 adopted, 18 owner reclaim.
  - Intake of 32 cats, 23 strays, 7 owner surrenders, 2 born in shelter, 29 to rescue, 15 adopted, 1 euthanized, 2 died in shelter
  - Shelter is completely full. We are seeking additional fosters. We currently have 40 canines and 78 felines in the shelter.
  - Animals coming into the shelter recently seemed to be in better health. This should help reduce Vet bills.
  - Rascal Unit – a mobile unit for low cost Spay/Neuter – we will be a host in 2023 to help the public spay and neuter their animals.
  - The Black case concluded late in the evening on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting on information from Attorney Holland as to the total amount HSOV will receive. Perhaps \$15,340?
  - Motion to approve – Esther
  - Second – Michele
  - Unanimously approved.
5. Operations
  - Shelter is extremely full  
Amber secured a grant from Petfinder for \$4,500 to pay adoption fees
  - Need for Volunteer Coordinator still very critical
  - Need more fosters – can we do more to encourage people who find kittens to foster them and not bring them to the shelter. Amber submitted a Foster’s Welcome grant on 6/4/22.
  - Mike will follow up with insurance companies about possible health insurance for shelter employees.
  - Amber applied for three grants to help fund a mobile adoption unit
  - Acoustic panels to be installed this fall when the shelter should have fewer dogs on site.
  - Saving Pets Challenge – September 1-30, donations and fundraising Michelson Found Animals Foundation; Return to Home challenge October 1-31 Maddie’s Fund Grant Opportunities.
  - *Mike to go the week of 8/15 to pick up 3000 pounds of treats donated by Pet Brand.*

- Still working on how to decrease stress for shelter animals. Kati and Rachal work on a daily enrichment schedule.
  - Thor, Slider, Rudy, James and Phoenix.- Dogs needing some extra work/attention. Reminder to update and correct notes for all animals in shelter luv for accurate reports.
  - Karissa, The Dog Warden and the Director of Adult Svs met to discuss assisting pets with short term boarding situations. A fund has been opened at MCF to assist pets of the public. Karissa also called EVE to partner with them for pets of DV victims. Amber applied for grants for this program. Red Rover denied 65k but said to reapply in Sept. Walmart grant \$1000.
6. Fundraising Report
- Howlin' Blues Party – 8/12 inside the Lafayette Hotel Ballroom. Not certain of the exact amount raised, but it was successful.
  - River, Trails and Ales – 8/13 in Muskingum Park. Esther raised just over \$200 selling crafts. There were many people who came to visit the HSOV area and meet several dogs.
  - Possible Fur Ball Date – March 25,2023
  - Rummage Sale was a great success. Raised around \$2800. Kudos to Amy for her hard work, and thanks to all the other volunteers who helped with this event.
  - Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> – volunteer recruitment at Marietta College, 1st Friday Roarin' 20's in downtown Marietta
  - Sept 9-11 Sternwheel Parking Fundraise at Columbia Care
  - Sept 16 – Paw Painting Auction at Marietta College
  - Sept 24 – Parade Your Paws in Muskingum park
7. Technology
- Michael Stoffel at iTech and Mike Montgomery met to work through any issues the new phone system might create for our security system. ITech will be generating an invoice for the needed equipment. They also discussed placing 5 speakers around the shelter to page people when necessary – separate estimates to be provided shortly. Michael Stoffel is away on vacation this week, but Esther will follow up with him as to the status of the project.
  - Esther looked at Kati's computer which was running slowly. It is fixed in the short term and will be looked at by Corey should have called Kati before this weekend.
  - Eventually, we need to work on trying to import data from Shelter Pro into ShelterLuv.
  - Mike will check some potential security camera issues, as well as “cleaning up” the shelter alarm codes.
8. New Building – No report currently.
9. Facilities
- Water usage is very high. Marietta Noon Rotary has purchased a tank-trailer from WCCC that will be cleaned, pressure-tested, repaired, if required, and modified to harvest rainwater from HSOV's roofs and store for kennel cleaning. The project is tentatively scheduled in August subject to any repairs required.
  - A few outdoor roofs are left to repair, which should be done soon.
10. Finance – Nothing new. See Fundraising above.
11. Volunteer
- Reminder to log volunteer hours
  - No one has expressed interest in being the Volunteer Coordinator
12. Membership
- New membership application went to the printer.
  - Three new members in July. The Kirkbride's made a nice donation to the shelter in response to the direct mail campaign.
  - Leight and Michele created a letter to solicit corporate sponsors.

13. Homeward Bound
  - See Executive Director report
  - Jasmine and six puppies to go to rescue Sunday.
14. Public Relations – Shelter cat illness caused Sharon to be a bit behind on posting pictures on the HSOV Facebook Pages & Petfinder
15. New Business
  - Ohio Animal Welfare Federation – Executive Director will visit the HSOV August 19<sup>th</sup> at around 12:30.
  - Saving Pets Challenge – see Operations Committee report
  - Transport drivers needed for rescue and spay/neuter trips on a regular basis.
16. Unfinished business – see information above about Blacks Case.
17. Motion to Adjourn – 7:25
  - Motion: Esther
  - Second: Michele
  - Passed Unanimously
18. Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm. Next meeting is September 21st, 2022