

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY, INC.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2021

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, 1115 Gilman Avenue, 6 pm

Present: Ethan Gerber (President), Leight Murray (Vice President), Jim Raney (Secretary), Mike Montgomery (Treasurer), and Amber Dennison (Director) were present in person. Esther Salem (Director) was present electronically, by telephone. Flite Freimann (Director) was absent with advance notice to the Board. Keri Stan (Director) was absent with no advance notice to the Board. A quorum of 5 members was present. Amy Rogers (Assistant Treasurer) was also present.

Public Comments: Board heard comments about staff confusion regarding their vacation leave benefits. Board discussed possible changes under consideration and indicated that no decisions have been made. Board also heard comments about other items on the agenda for this meeting (see below).

Approval of Minutes (attached): Motion made by Amber Dennison, seconded by Mike Montgomery. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports:

- **President.** None.
- **Vice President.** Leight Murray reported at length about results and lessons learned from Howlin' in the Alley fundraiser and indicated that August 12, 2022 is under consideration for next year. The HSOV "thank you" presentation to the Marietta Noon Rotary Club went well. Peoples Bank will be our venue for requesting forgiveness of our PPP2.0 loan and he is working on it. Pickering Associates should be delivering initial conceptual plans for a community park at the County Farm around mid-September.
- **Secretary/Information Technology Officer.** Jim Raney noted that September 1 is the deadline for membership applications for members who want to vote at the Annual Meeting on December 1 and that members who wish to be a candidate for the Board of Directors must submit their application by November 1. He will send the application to all Board members, Amy Rogers, and Julie Lowther who said they had not received it via the Facebook posts. He also reminded everyone that the Board needs usernames, passwords, and other login information for all of our software accounts to be included in our HSOV Corporate Document Repository to assure continuing access when there are personnel changes in the Board, its officers, and its committees. He also agreed to do an experiment with the security cameras to determine whether insufficient bandwidth is a reason that the Front Desk computers are running slowly.
- **Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer.** Mike Montgomery discussed the treasurer's report and answered questions about it. Board discussed options for using proceeds of an annuity bequest and agreed that adding it to our Edward Jones Investment Account would be a good use of the funds.

Approval of Treasurer's Report (attached). Motion made by Jim Raney, seconded by Amber Dennison. Motion passed unanimously.

Shelter Manager Report. Rachal Merrow gave an extensive report of past and current shelter activities. Board discussed various items and made suggestions. Shelter capacity and personnel turnover continue to be major issues.

Committee Reports. Amber Dennison gave a comprehensive report of Operations Committee activities and concerns. Jim Raney gave a report of Personnel Committee and Finance and Budget Committee matters, most of which are on the agenda for this meeting. Leight Murray mentioned the Membership Committee results for year to date and expects to receive a last-minute online membership application by midnight tonight, September 1 from someone who may wish to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors. Board also discussed matters in the purviews of other Board committees.

Unfinished Business for Future Board Action. None was addressed.

New Business for Board Action. Board discussed the changes made to the amendments to our HSOV-County contract proposal agreed in our August 11 meeting. Jim Raney said he would prepare a revised version of the contract proposal that he will propose for approval and signature(s) at our October 6 Board meeting for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners at their October 21 meeting.

Good of the Order. Jim Raney noted that Board members are not communicating via e-mail on business items and that makes progress difficult. He encouraged everyone to do their due diligence and provide inputs to improve proposals so that they can be approved by the Board in our meetings.

Next Regular Monthly Board Meeting: October 6 at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Raney, Secretary