

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY, INC.**  
**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2022 || 6:00 pm-7:55 pm**

1. Call to order at 6 p.m. Present were: Esther Salem (Vice President pro tem), Michele Newbanks (Secretary pro tem), Mike Montgomery (President pro tem), Amber Dennison, Amy Rogers (Co-Treasurer), Jennie Sherrard
2. Public comments – Jennie suggested putting out a suggestion box for a week in the staff room to solicit submissions of what work needs done around the shelter.
3. Approval of Minutes of the Board meeting in November 2022:
  - Motion – Esther
  - Second – Michele
  - Unanimously approved
4. Treasurer's report
  - Direct public support for November: \$11,524.79
  - Fundraisers: \$545
  - Adoption fees: \$1,800
  - Total income: \$16,466.48
  - Payroll taxes: \$2,714
  - Legal fees: \$264
  - Facilities and Equipment: \$4,172
  - Supplies: \$11,732
  - Vet care: \$18,623
  - Total expenses: \$60,619
  - Net income: **-\$44,152.74**
    - Motion to accept - Esther
    - Second – Jennie
    - Unanimously approved
5. Executive Director's Report
  - Kati reported there was an intake of 48 dogs, 22 strays, 34 dogs adopted, 9 owner reclaim
  - Intake of 71 cats, 20 owner surrender, 2 to rescue, 16 adopted, 1 stolen, 2 euthanized, 1 died in foster care.
  - Shelter is completely full. We are seeking additional fosters. There is one dog for safekeeping.
    - Motion to approve – Michele
    - Second – Esther
    - Unanimously approved
6. The resignations of Leight Murray (President) and Flite Freimann (Vice President) were accepted.
  - Motion – Esther
  - Second – Amber
  - Unanimously approved
7. Tammy Bates and Michael Miller were elected to the board with a unanimous vote of members present.
8. The appointment of Amy Rogers to fill Leight Murray's open board seat (2023-2025) was postponed until January.
9. Committee Reports
  - Operations

- Met Nov. 23 and went over focus for 2022
- Red Rover works with domestic violence victims who won't leave the home because of their pets. They work with Eve Inc. to refer people.
- Rescue Rebuild would help fund addition for these pets separate from the main building. They will design and fund portion of it. Would have indoor/outdoor runs. HSOV would provide shell and they would fund the interior. This would be short-term housing for the pets of DV victims only. Rescue Rebuild would like addition done by June 2023. Currently getting concrete quotes. HSOV requested \$60,000 in funding.
- Fundraising
  - Esther said loft tour at Greg Gentry's went well and a lot of people visited. Roscoe and Nigel were taken. She said Gentry was interested in working with HSOV with fundraising, membership and volunteers after the first of the year.
  - Amy said the Shrine building was reserved for the Fur Ball. A DJ will be there with throwback music from the 1980s. \$5,000 has been raised so far through a sponsorship effort started at Thanksgiving.
  - Karissa and Mike Montgomery are talking about two golf tournaments in 2023.
- Finance
  - The 2023 budget was brought to the board. A cost of living increase was added.
  - The budget increased \$54,000 over last year to \$609,000.
  - Expenses were up from \$500,000 last year to \$613,000 this year.
  - Can we quantify how much is spent, on average, per animal?
- Building, Grounds and Maintenance
  - Mike Montgomery said the gutter system was falling off the building. There is an estimate of \$2,800.
    - Motion to purchase new gutters – Esther
    - Second – Mike Montgomery
    - Unanimously approved.
  - The sound panels are getting added to the dog kennels, which will reduce the decibels from 120 to 80.
  - Rotary is working on the water retention system. It will reduce our water bill by 45%.
  - New dusk to dawn lights are being installed.
- New Building and Renovations – No report.
- Homeward Bound
  - All shelters are full, but 12 or 13 cats were taken to rescue in the last week.
  - Preacher is going to FIDO's Companion Rescue in Cleveland.
- Public Relations
  - The next column for the Marietta Times will be on the Red Rover/Rescue Rebuild project. The goal is to start having one a month done.
  - We Luv Pets raised \$1,000 through 'They Light Up Our Lives', where people can honor or memorialize their pets.
- Membership – A list of members was distributed.
- Technology
  - The new phone system is in, but not working. Some customers are not going through and calls aren't being re-directed to the front desk if the director doesn't answer. Esther will talk with Michael about troubleshooting.

## 10. Unfinished business

- No 'Thank You' cards have been printed. Jennie has a photo copy of what the card should look like and the card can be recreated.
- Amy will take over First Friday after the first of the year.
- Rea & Associates will send a new contract and it will be negotiated.

11. New Business

- Starting in January, the board will meet in the second floor conference room at 304 Putnam St.
- Fredley Tynan said she and Tonya Tullius got a report of dogs running loose on Nov. 30. There was trash in the yard and on the porch and a smell of feces and urine inside the house. There were at least seven dogs, one with multiple bite wounds. They had other animals, including a cage of rats, lizards and a ferret. All the animals were seized and all are available for adoption.
- Fredley also asked the board for a tablet to make her work easier.

12. A motion was made by Amy to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Amber seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is January 11, 2023.