**Humane Society of The Ohio Valley, Inc.**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2023 || 7:00 p.m. – 8:11 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mike Montgomery, Esther Salem, Amber Dennison, Michele Newbanks, Michael Miller

Absent: Tammy Bates

1. Approval of Minutes of the Board meeting in February 2023:
	* Motion – Esther
	* Second – Mike
	* Motion passed with a voice vote.
2. Public comments – A volunteer expressed concerns about the shelter.
3. Treasurer’s report – We received $5,000 from the Weekley Estate, $1,460 in memoriam and $10,956 in donations, as well as $23,636 in interest from Marietta Community Foundation. We received $3,969 for the Fur Ball 2023, $3,032 in adoption fees, $1,685 in vet reimbursements PUBLIC and $5,238 in program service fees. There was a gross profit of $53,857. We spent $9,696 for sound panel installation and a new hot water tank, $6,677 in medical care and $4,510 to reimburse the county for reclaim fees. We still owe the county $1,500. Total expenses were $64,415, with a net income of -$10,558.
	* Motion - Esther
	* Second – Michele
	* Motion passed with a voice vote.
4. Dog Warden and Humane Officer report – Humane Officer Fredley Tynan reported there were 11 animal complaint follow ups in February, with 9 being founded. There were 3 complaints with animals removed. 107 animals were surrendered, with 106 from a hoarding case. One animal, an emaciated dog, was seized and surrendered after the seizure. 106 cats were abandoned, with 105 living animals removed. Three died after removal. All 106 received medical care. Charges will be filed in the case with the emaciated dog and the 106 cats.
5. Executive Director’s Report from Kati Rankin
	* 35 cat adoptions and 25 dog adoptions
	* Four cats and one dog died.
	* Eight dogs were returned.
	* 104 cats and 15 dogs were transferred.
	* At least 99 cat owner surrenders and 27 dog owner surrenders
	* Nine animals are held for safekeeping.
	* 40 stray cats and 15 stray dogs
6. Committees
	* Operations
		1. A Google site for the foster program will be developed.
		2. They are providing more enrichment for the animals, along with fear free training for the employees.
		3. Kati reported they are hiring more people.
		4. Rachal reported they are painting five kennels, but the paint washed off. They will return the paint to Apex.
		5. Kati said they are starting to fill up with dogs and Rachal said they are entering kitten season.
	* Fundraising Reports
		1. Karissa sent out a schedule of events.
		2. The first meeting will be 5:30 p.m. April 3.
	* Finance
		1. Mike said he would try to set up meetings for the third Sunday of the month.
	* Building, Grounds and Maintenance
		1. Amber said there was a bid for the pets of domestic violence cases from Ken Strahler for $76,100. Rescue Rebuild approved and will increase the amount they are donating, as they had approved $60,000. The shell of the building is to be up by the end of May.
	* New Building and Renovations – No updates
	* Homeward Bound
		1. Sharon Paul reported there were 27 cats adopted in February.
		2. There are 20 cats in foster care as of March 7, with 17 in long-term/medical foster care with Frances Meckel.
		3. 20 shelter cats were transferred to rescue groups. 66 cats from the total 106 from the hoarding case were transported to three rescue organizations.
		4. 39 cats were sent to spay/neuter in Barboursville, W.Va.
		5. Dr. Roberta Haught of Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital offered to spay/neuter the 31 cats from the hoarding case. She also arranged for the rabies vaccine to be donated.
		6. There are 33 dogs in foster care, including 16 puppies born in foster care.
	* Public Relations
		1. Sharon Paul reported photos of new animals are taken on a daily basis when possible and are posted on Petfinder, Facebook and Adopt-a-Pet. Adoptions/rescues/reclaims are updated on all three sites throughout the day.
		2. Sharon had planned to work on a March 2023 newsletter and publish before the Fur Ball on March 25, but she had other projects that took up her time.
		3. The Times column for March will be on the 10-year anniversary of the no-kill shelter.
		4. Postcards/sympathy cards were purchased for those who donated in memoriam.
	* Membership
		1. Michele is working on updating the membership applications for 2023-2024.
		2. Membership T-shirts will need to be designed. Kati and Rachal suggested neutral colors in sizes S-3X. Michele will work with them on the design and they will be printed by Rush Order Tees this year.
	* Technology
		1. Esther said she is giving up on converting the Shelter Pro to Shelterluv.
	* Volunteer – Nothing new
7. Unfinished Business – Tabled until March 16, as Karissa was out.
8. New business
	* The board discussed the appearance of the outside of the shelter.
	* Amber said Walmart has a Round-Up program that is only online or through their app. When purchases are made, you can round up to the nearest dollar and the shelter will get the proceeds.
	* Karissa is working with Dr. McClung on making sure the animals are getting the correct meds.
	* There is an Open Arms Challenge that shows the shelter is inclusive and non-discriminatory with adopters.
9. Motion to Adjourn
	* Motion: Michele
	* Second: Mike
	* Passed Unanimously
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Next meeting is April 12, 2023.