

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY, INC.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2022 || 6:00p-7:00p

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

Absent: Keri Stan (resigned), Flite Freimann

1. Call to order at 6:15PM. Approval of Minutes of the Board meeting in January 2022:
 - Motion – Michele
 - Second – Mike
 - Unanimously approved
2. Public comments
 - Donated by Martin Dofka – Xbox 1TB SSD, \$50 gift certificate and 3 Xbox games. Stated these items were in very high demand. The idea is to auction these off to raise funds for HSOV
 - We are moving the Board meeting to the second Wednesday of each month. As of now, the meeting location is not changing.
3. Treasurer’s report – larger than usual Vet bills due to intake of high number of sick and injured canines. Additional relevant discussion covered in Finance report
 - Motion to accept Treasurer’s report – Amber
 - Second – Michele
 - Unanimously approved
4. Executive Director’s Report
 - Large intake of dogs (16) from a rescue/foster situation. Many are in poor condition and need Vet care. Animals starting to see Vet in the next few days.
 - Kati is now the new Shelter Operations Assistant Manager. She will focus on shelter operations. Rachal is now the Kennel Manager. She will focus on direct animal care the shelter and training new hires on animal care.
 - Karissa noted that many of the dogs we have taken in recently have been sick and/or injured. This has led to a spike in our Vet bills. With the recent intake of 24 new dogs and puppies, this increase in Vet bills will continue.
 - Shelter is renewing its partnership with Boxers Bed and Biscuits to help train some of our dogs. The shelter will also be partnering with the County Home to help socialize some of our dogs.
 - Large reorganization of the garage and bags of pet food needed. Esther to check with Marietta College to see if students can come and help with this and other organization projects.
5. Operations
 - Shelter is extremely full
 - Reiterated fundraising events listed below.
 - Superbowl Squares fundraiser
 - Valentine’s Day fundraiser
 - Boxer’s Bed and Biscuits will have two new Vets soon and we hope this will help with Spay/Neuter this coming spring
 - Jordan’s Way – travel to help shelters with public relations, fundraising, etc. They should be visiting the shelter in early March.
6. Fundraising Report

- Karissa has just taken over this committee in the last few days and hopes to plan an event each month.
 - 300 Club – tickets are \$50. A drawing is held every week and the winner gets \$100. We will hold a drawing each week for 52 weeks. The final winner gets \$500. We hope winners will donate their money back to the shelter (as the first winner did).
 - Superbowl squares and Valentine’s Day
 - Committee will meet Face-to-face monthly as we begin our capital campaign
7. Technology
- Allen suggests we get business level software and cloud storage & has signed up for access – application is still in process.
8. New Building
- Leight discussed his intention to increase fundraising efforts.
 - A meeting is scheduled with the County Commissioners in April, but Leight hopes to meet with them sooner.
9. Facilities
- Leaking roof has been repaired
 - Furnace – new heater was needed for main dog room. Everyone is much warmer and cozier now.
 - Stones will be put on the driveway and parking lot as soon as weather permits.
10. Finance
- We believe the acoustic panel project for the main dog room has been fully funded by donations and grants. Waiting on delivery of panels and J.A. Schwendeman Construction to schedule the installation
 - We are experiencing higher than usual Vet bills due to extremely high numbers of animal in our care, and the poor condition of many when they arrive or are surrendered.
11. Volunteer
- Reminder to log volunteer hours
 - No new report
12. Membership – Leight indicated a small increase in membership after Sharon Paul’s newsletter was mailed out over the holidays.
13. Homeward Bound
- Amy and Julie took 10 Dogs to rescue
 - Sharon Paul submitted feline report
14. Unfinished Business
- Must elect Board officers for the coming year.
 - i. President – Leight Murray
 - ii. Vice President – Flite Freimann
 - iii. Treasurer – Mike Montgomery
 - iv. Secretary – Esther Salem
15. Motion to Adjourn
- Mike
 - Second: Michele
 - Passed Unanimously
16. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.