

**Friends At Your Metro Animal Shelter
Annual Member Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2018 - 1 pm
Puyallup Public Library Board Room**

BOD Attendance:

Bonnie King, President
Chris Lynch, Vice President
Liz Roberts, Public Relations
Jenn Walkes, Treasurer
Daniel Yaron, Assistant Treasurer
Judy Bucholtz, Secretary

Members Present:

Dian Mitchell
Mark Creley, Metro/Sumner Liaison
Trish Roberts
Jim Roberts
Carol Martin
Casey Capettini
Bill Tanner
Janice Melodia
Mary Smith

Call to Order: 1:11 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Reports:

President – Bonnie King

- The history of FAYMAS was briefly discussed. The organization became an official 501(C) 3 in June of 2014. Since then FAYMAS has donated over \$60,000 in goods and services to the animal shelter.
- 2017 Accomplishments/ Annual Report (handout): FAYMAS provided a total of \$21,157 in goods and services for homeless pets.
- 2019 calendar is a work in process- as well as sponsorship for calendars. Sponsorship comes from businesses and individuals in the community.

Treasurer – Jennifer Waalkes

2017 Budget v. Actual: Total revenues were \$23,606; Total expenses were \$23,815 for a total deficit of \$210. However, a carry forward from 2016 created a total liabilities and net assets of \$5613.

Assistant Treasurer – Daniel Yaron

2017 Subsidy Statistics: 76 older or special needs dog and cat adoptions were subsidized by 50%. 52 microchips were provided to pets found at the shelter by their owners and during a special microchip clinic at Metro.

Secretary – Judy Bucholtz

- FAYMAS Board Meeting Minutes are located in the documents tab at www.FAYMAS.org.
- Membership categories/numbers: 0 Corporate Sponsorship (relates more to sponsorship of calendars), 4 Forever Family, 31 General, 7 Senior, 1 Student

This comes to a total of 43 ACTIVE members. This does not include a couple that have lapsed or are due for renewal, or the pending on renewal. That would bring the total to 46.

Public Relations – Liz Roberts

- Website, Facebook, Instagram: Discussed monitoring number of visits to the websites. People are viewing and staying on the site longer.
- Online donations have improved because of more frequent use of the donation button on certain posts.
- Currently FAYMAS has 859 followers on Facebook. 2,100 people reached recently.
- Instagram visits are improving. Currently there are 67 followers.
- Mark Creley mentioned Paws a Moment, which also promotes FAYMAS. He will send the information to Liz.

Vice President – Chris Lynch

- 2018 Goals: Subsidies, Veterinary Expenses, Medicine, and Equipment needs will continue to be met by FAYMAS. Success stories were shared
- Adoption subsidies will continue for older animals and for larger dogs, the subsidy age will be lowered to 5-6 years old. Other adjustments may be made according to the size/breed of animal.

Old Business:

Minutes: March 11, 2018 Board Meeting minutes had been emailed. The Board **approved** the minutes.

New Business

- Board member bills presented for review & approval of payment: Chris presented a veterinary bill for animals at the shelter for \$1193.04 and a bill for the new Metro washer and dryer for \$2323.20. She explained that the dryer was a gas installation and more expensive. A warrantee was also purchased for the equipment. Reimbursement for expenses was **approved** by the Board.
- 2018 Budget Adoption (handout and emailed to members prior to meeting) – Jennifer presented a 2018 budget projecting \$20,500 in revenue and \$22,520 in expenses for a net income of (\$2,020). Again there has been a carry forward from 2017 of \$5613 which is projected to offset the net income, if realized. The budget was voted upon by the membership and **approved**.
- Changes to Bylaws – Jennifer discussed the changes:
 - Articles IV & V: Changing references regarding the annual membership meeting to spring instead of March and requiring the mailing of the proposed annual budget to the membership one month prior to the meeting.
 - Article I: Name and Purposed: allows FAYMAS to support, in addition to Metro, "...other rescue groups and entities benefitting the welfare of animals at the Shelter."
 - The membership **approved all changes**.
- Bonnie presented information on FAYMAS events separate from Metro
 - Metro Animal Services Open House: Saturday, April 28th
 - Fred Meyer Door Event: There has been no response from Fred Meyer.
 - Hounds on the Hill: Saturday, August 18th. The 2019 calendars will be Available.
- Tractor Supply: Once a month September – December 2018

- Dian Mitchell handed out and discussed the Metro Animal Services Community Events schedule for 2018. The new Sam, the cat mascot, will debut at Metro open house

Other Business

- Bill Tanner suggested we track and add data on how many dogs and cats were helped by payment of their veterinary bills
- Bill also suggested we research how other friends groups work with government entities. (i.e. Friends of the Library)
- Jim Roberts suggested doing a membership drive through other organizations (i.e. rescue groups)
- Jim also suggested that FAYMAS buy its own tent. There was discussion about how often the tent would get used.
- Dian Mitchell suggested a Go Fund Me site to raise money for FAYMAS. Liz reminded the group that there are fees associated with these sites, but that we could do a comparison. Casey Capettini suggested adding a "DONATE" button to our Facebook page to support particular animals in need. Bonnie shared that she had just asked for donations to FAYMAS on her personal Facebook timeline to celebrate her birthday.

Adjourned: 2:45 pm

Bonnie King, President

Judy Bucholtz, Secretary