



Friends At Your Metro Animal Shelter Annual Member Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2023 – 10 AM

ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/8147517881>

In attendance:

Bonnie King, President	Mark Creely, City of Sumner
Chris Lynch, Vice President	Dyan Mitchell, Shelter Volunteer
Jennifer Krutewicz, Treasurer	Jon Stein, Shelter Volunteer
Julia Gerardo, Public Relations	Laurel Putnam
Bill Tanner, IT Support	

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes: January 15, 2023, Board Meeting (**emailed**) **Board Vote only – Approved** as emailed.

Reports:

President – Bonnie King

History/ Current Board Operations

- FAYMAS was started by Bonnie and Chris in 2014 to help with vet expenses, adoption subsidies, and equipment needs at the Metro Animal Services Shelter.
- The FAYMAS Board of Directors meets quarterly via Zoom.
- Bonnie noted that veterinary expenses are continuing to increase, and vet care is taking longer to schedule. With increasing costs to keep pets including expensive veterinary care when it's available, animal surrenders have increased at some shelters/rescues.
- Amazonsmile discontinued donations at end of February 2023 based on purchases when a charity was chosen by the purchaser. This decreases FAYMAS income by about \$150 per quarter.
- State Farm is also ending corporate matching donations for those who were previous employees like Chris.
- Good news – the FAYMAS 2024 Calendar sponsorships have broken a record. There are 16 sponsors this year paying at least \$250 per page (some have paid more) which will raise \$4-5K this year. Clippers Grooming Salon donated a generous \$650 for their page and then buy calendars when they are ready in September.
- We do need more photos from FAYMAS members for their calendar page. The cost is \$25 per picture.
- Book: **Quinn – The Dog that Really Isn't** by Jon Stein (Metro volunteer)
Amazon sales royalties go to FAYMAS (every \$13.99 sale provides FAYMAS with \$4). Quinn is very grateful. WOOF! 😊

Secretary – Judy Bucholtz

Membership categories/numbers: Forever Family-1, General-32, Senior-10, Student-1, Shelter Patron-0 = 44 total

Vice President – Chris Lynch

- Metro Animal Services Shelter Happenings. Officer, Debbie Perry recently retired. City of Sumner has hired, and shelter is currently fully staffed. The shelter is now open 6 days/week.
- Veterinary Care – Metro lost Firgrove Veterinary Clinic as a contracted vet. They had been providing Metro and FAYMAS a non-profit discount. FAYMAS still received a discount by not having to pay sales tax.
- The shelter is now contracted with NW Spay & Neuter and Pasados. It is a new requirement as of January 1, 2023 that animals are spayed/neutered prior to adoption. FAYMAS Board has agreed to set aside money to help the shelter with spay/neuter fees for those pets that do not get adopted and are given to other rescue organizations. To date, FAYMAS has reimbursed one spay/neuter request.
- *Any suggestions or recommendations for new vet clinic(s) are welcome.*
- Chris is working on a grant for spay/neuter subsidies.

Public Relations - Julia Gerardo

- Publishes on Facebook and Instagram for FAYMAS. At times FB posts receive lots of likes and shares. Other times very low.
- Recently, Julia posted a couple of a short video (using Reels) which was viewed by over 2,000 people! This is a huge increase. The goal is for more likes, followers, donations and adoptions.

Treasurer – Jennifer Waalkes-Krutewicz

2022 Budget v. Actual – 2021 had a carryover balance into 2022. Actual revenue vs. actual expenditures for 2022 resulted in deficit spending. There was a net loss of \$3400.

Old Business

- Mark Creely asked if FAYMAS would like to re-start soliciting for FAYMAS members at the shelter. Chris answered that it would help, but the logistics of keeping fund separate from shelter funds can be a challenge. (Currently, she is having issues with using the Square). Chris will discuss more with shelter staff. The suggestion from Mark was appreciated.

New Business

President

- Presentation of payments and reimbursements made January thru February 2023. The board voted to **approve** the retroactive expenses based on the FAYMAS financial policy/ bylaws.
 - Chris Lynch reimbursements for veterinary and operational expenses for a total of **\$1326.10**.
 - Payment to the City of Sumner for boarding and impound subsidy in December 2022 for a total of **\$110**.

- Operational Expenses (mail, Key Bank checks, annual report printing, IRS 990 filing, & Affipay (similar to PayPal) fees for a total of **\$281.02**.

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The 2023 budget which was emailed to the membership in advance was presented and **approved**. Total proposed revenue is \$17,200 and total expenses are projected to be \$23,510. A carry forward from 2022 of \$11,617 will make up the difference. That carry forward was made possible because of lower expenses during COVID. Bonnie cautioned that new revenue streams will have to be identified; FAYMAS will not be able to continue operating at a deficit into the future.

Other business

Jon Stein brought up that the Tacoma Humane Society visited Metro Animal Shelter to discuss a potential arrangement. Nothing has been decided yet.

Mark Creely, said that the city continues to look at other ways to operate the shelter, but any decisions would have to be in agreement with the seven cities served. Any change will be a long process. Bonnie reiterated that FAYMAS' IRS status is tied legally to the Metro Animal Shelter. FAYMAS would not be able to support another organization.

Adjourned – 11:10 am

/s/ Bonnie King
President

/s/ Judy Bucholtz
Secretary