

Piney Mountain Foster Care

Meeting Minutes

March 6th, 2020 – Quarterly Board Meeting
Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marie Bittinger – President, presiding
Pam Knudson – Treasurer
Helen Duvall
Doug Bittinger (guest)
Stacey Dekker (guest)
Dennis Dekker (guest)

ABSENT:

Dr. Courtney Phillips DVM
Mike Wegner (resigned from board)

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM

1. Motion to approve minutes of Dec. 9th meeting:
 - Made by Helen
 - Seconded by Pam
 - No discussion
 - Verbal vote taken, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve monthly financial reports for January and February:
 - Made by Helen
 - Seconded by Pam
 - Doug explained several aspects of the report.
 - Verbal vote taken, motion carried.
3. Doug reported on fund raising efforts including over \$200.00 from Bonfire, \$725.00 from Facebook and being approved for a \$1,000.00 grant from The Binky Foundation.
No motions made. Marie thanked Doug for his hard work in seeking grants.
4. Discussion of Dogwood Days event
 - A. Marie appointed Helen as Chairperson of the Car Show Committee. She will work with Jim & Delores Wilson from Liberty Church and Erica Thomas from SMHH&H.
 - B. The Quilt Show was scrapped over concerns of damaging expensive quilts. A quilt display will be pursued but nothing so organized as a competitive show.
 - C. The Dekkers offered to donate the meat and chips served, and donate the proceeds to PMFC.
 1. PMFC will need to provide “burger boxes” 200 minimum preferably compostable.
 2. Marie says she can get free bottled water from Eternal Beverage or English Mountain
 3. Mayor Dykes has offered free Pepsi products to go with the meals served.
 4. Sonic may donate cups and straws
 5. Doug and Marie are meeting with Liberty Church March 12th, Helen was encouraged to attend that meeting.

5. Discussion of filling the Board of Directors seat vacated by Mike Wegner's resignation.
 - A. Two people were proposed.
 1. Cheryl was messaged by Pam during the meeting and is considering the proposal.
 2. Sam will be contacted as soon as possible.
 - B. If both accept, we can add both. Our Bylaws define the Board as up to 12 seats.
6. Doug proposed PMFC join the Alliance for Better Non-Profits chapter in Knoxville. He passed around a list and discussed benefits. Membership would cost us \$100.00 annually at our current size (fee is based on annual income).

Motion: Join the Alliance for Better Non-profits, provided we can find a donor to pay the initial annual membership fee of \$100.00.

Made by: Helen
Seconded by: Pam
Verbal vote taken, motion carried.
7. Doug described a proposed Seniors for Seniors adoption program that matches senior dogs with senior citizens with a provision that if the human becomes incapacitated PMFC would care for the dog through re-homing or hospice care as warranted. Grant funding is available for this.
 - A. Helen said she would be interested in administering that program.
 - B. Marie said we have enough to do right now and recommended tabling this proposal to be taken up again at our next meeting. Agreed by common consent.
8. Doug presented the need for a general liability insurance plan on PMFC volunteers and visitors.
 - A. Discussion included whether this would open the need for other insurance and whether we can afford it.
 - B. The Board recommended talking with The Alliance for Better Non-profits, once we have that membership, for advice before contacting any insurance company.
9. Marie described Lure Coursing and suggested it could be combined with a chili cook-off in the fall as a fund raiser. This too will be looked at again at the next meeting.
10. Doug proposed that we have a blood panel done on Phoenix to see if she has issues with heart disease or kidney failure.
 - A. Either of these would preclude having the major surgery she needs to be accepted by a rescue for adoption.
 - B. The Bonfire money received was tagged as Julian Fund money and could be used for this.
 - C. Being over \$100.00 the expense requires board approval.

Motion: Have Cedarwood Veterinary Hospital perform the needed blood panel to determine if Phoenix has heart or kidney disease, and pay for it from the Julian Fund monies available.

Made by: Marie
Seconded by: Helen
Verbal vote taken, motion carried.
11. Motion to adjourn
Made by: Pam
Seconded by: Helen
No discussion
Verbal vote taken, motion carried. Adjourned at 11:25 AM.