

# Meeting Minutes

## Piney Mountain Foster Care, Inc.

Board of Directors meeting

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at The Historic Tanner School

### **In Attendance:**

Marie Bittinger (President)  
Jennifer Jennings (Treasurer)  
Dennis Dekker  
Doug Bittinger (guest)

### **Absent:**

Helen Duvall  
Pam Knudson  
Courtney Phillips DVM

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

I) Review minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve made by Dennis, seconded by Jen, verbal vote taken. Motion carried.

II) Treasurer presented financial report showing comparison of this years figures to date to last years figures at the same point and made several suggestions for improved bookkeeping:

- A) Doug should use class/type tags to track Building Fund income and expenses not a sub-account under checking.
- B) She takes issue with the process of PMFC paying for gasoline in the transport truck when the truck belongs to Doug. Should either donate the truck to PMFC and PMFC pays all expenses or be getting a mileage rate that compensates him for normal operating costs. This objection was later withdrawn as she became aware of other practices which are consistent with this one. Consistency across the process brings a form of legitimacy.
- C) Doug needs to change the account titled Sales of Inventory to Sales of Merchandise because seeing "Inventory" sends an accountant to the balance sheet to look for inventory. But we have no inventory items, only goods that are sold as produced.

III) Hear reports from Department Heads:

A) Adoptions Coordinator

Dennis reported on the successful adoptions of Everly, and Camo (Tigger). Blade and Maggie did not go so well. Pearl and Luna await adoption. Discussion of the failed adoptions was delayed for later in the agenda.

B) Foster Home Coordinator

Absent – sent no report.

### C) Kennel Manager

Updated the Board on status of upgrades to outside kennels.

Is planning to use part of the \$1,500 Binky grant for the ICU/building project to buy a platform scale and an inexpensive bathing station.

Explained the difficulty of getting our dogs into rescues due to the glut of dogs being returned post pandemic.

### IV) Old Business

A) No Old Business to discuss

### V) New Business

A) Marie suggested a fund-raiser using Merrit Pop popcorn that could be sold on-line and at local businesses. This was approved by common consent.

B) Marie suggested a fund-raiser using Bonfire shirts (long sleeved tees and sweatshirts) featuring Blade the flouf-monster on the front. This was approved by common consent.

C) Dennis reopened the discussion of raising funds with a “road block”. Jen suggested doing this at the “Three-way” corner in Cosby rather than down-town Newport. Lots of tourist traffic through that point. Dennis will look into getting the necessary permit.

D) Our Place Bookstore has been selling our dog cookies for us and suggested that we come set up a table some Saturday and sell food, merchandise, and hand out information.

E) Our current adoption process was examined in light of the two recent failed adoptions. Much discussion ensued. The changes to be implemented are:

a) Mentions of wanting to adopt a “service dog” especially an emotional support dog, will warrant a much closer examination of this person’s motives and stability.

b) Dogs to be trained as proper service dogs will require contact information for a legitimate training service, that service will be checked out, and they must confirm intent to train the dog and that the dog being adopted is suitable for such training.

c) The application question pertaining to small children needs to be changed to be inclusive of children who visit frequently not just those residing with the adopter.

d) Local adoptions will be limited to a 50(ish) mile radius in order to facilitate doing home inspections and family interviews.

e) Long range adoptions will be facilitated by a rescue local to the adopter which will perform adoption investigation then pull the dog from us to adopt out from them.

### VI) Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jennifer, seconded by Dennis

verbal vote taken, motion carried at 11:39 am.