

# Meeting Minutes

## Piney Mountain Foster Care, Inc. Board of Director's Meeting

Jan 13, Newport Bojangles

### In attendance:

Doug Bittinger  
Dennis Dekker  
Jennifer Jennings  
Helen Duvall  
Rhonda Lewis – foster parent

### Absent

None

Meeting was **called to order** at 9:01 am

**Minutes** from last meeting were sent by Doug via group e-mail on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
Approved by Helen 10/14, approved by Jennifer 10/15, approved by Dennis 10/16.

**Treasurer's Report:** A complete copy of the report was e-mailed to each Board member for review on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer pointed out that donations are down sharply, but through good expense control we ended the year in the black by \$1,156.72

### Department Head Reports

**Adoption Coordinator** – Dennis reported that Luna has not been adopted but her potential is still good. Hubert continues to come visit Luna every week and seems in love with her but the prospect of her cancer coming back worries him. There have been a couple of inquiries on Zane, they did not develop.

**Foster Home Coordinator** – Helen welcomed Rhonda, who is fostering Zane, asked her to update us on his progress. Rhonda is very happy with that situation and Zane is doing excellent as a house dog and gets along great with her other dog, Storm (also a Husky).

**Kennel Manager** – The only change since our last meeting is the intake of Autumn, from Foxy Family Rescue, for heartworm treatment. She is in recovery now, doing well, and will be adoptable mid-February.

### Old Business

Our Professional Liability Insurance policy was renewed at the same cost and through the same carrier as last year: Scottsdale Insurance Company.

Luna's mass was removed successfully and she has recovered fully. Histopathology reported only 4% chance it had metastasized, and less than 10% that it will return.

## **New Business**

Concerning the election of officers for 2024, Helen motioned that we retain current officers: Doug Bittinger President/Secretary and Jennifer Jennings as Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Verbal vote taken, motion carried.

Jennifer discussed the 2024 budget which is based on actual expenses from 2023 and tweaked for inflation and current trends in our spending. This budget has us ending the year with a cash surplus of just over \$1,100, much as this year ended. We discussed some details and potential issues. The result was approved by common consent and the Board will get copies of the finalized budget.

There was an extended discussion of the situation with dog food, contamination, recalls, rising expense, and nutritional value. This discussion ended in a motion: made by Helen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer, authorizing Doug to discontinue canned dog food, halve the kibble being used and add 1 meal a day of Fresh Pet refrigerated dog food. This is provided Doug can negotiate a deal to reliably provide 8 6-pound rolls of food per week, preferably at a discount from retail price. Going this route will “eat up” the budgeted surplus unless cuts are made elsewhere. Preferred vendor would be Food City. Verbal vote taken, motion carried.

The Board discussed the upcoming renewal of Chamber of Commerce dues and what, if any, value we are getting from that membership. A motion to discontinue the membership was made by Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Verbal vote, motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned 9:58 am.**