

Chippewa County Humane Association Board of Director's Meeting  
January 13, 2014

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Paula Young, Lori Mueller, Deb Newman, Karen Scarseth, Pam Gibbs, Colleen Connell, Molly Gezella-Baranczyk and Sandra Stiles. Jackie Gibbs and shelter manager Jennifer Johnson were absent.

Liz Dolezel is unable to make it to the board meetings and will be stepping down. She would like to still be involved.

**Members of the Public-None**

**Secretary's Report-**A motion was made by Colleen Connell to approve the secretary's report and seconded by Lori Mueller.

**Treasurer's Report-**A motion was made by Deb Newman to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Karen Scarseth. A vote was passed by all.

**Reports of Standing Committees-**

**Fundraising-**

-Mailings- For the December mailing we netted \$5100.

-Gordy's Scrip Program- Have not heard any interest from the public on these.

-Purr and Paw 2014- April 26th, theme- "A Knight of Murder". Cost of tickets from \$35 per individual ticket, and \$65 for 2 tickets. The sponsorship levels/costs will remain the same as last year.

**Shelter Report-**

-The census for the month of December: there were a total of 15 surrenders (2 dogs and 13 cats), 29 strays taken in (16 dogs and 13 cats), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There were no dogs or cats returned. There were no dogs and 1 cat euthanized due to health issues. There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to space, and no dogs or cats died at the shelter. There were 12 dogs and 18 cats adopted and no dogs or cats were owner claimed. There are 2 cats at Petsmart. There is 1 dog in Foster Care, 1 dog transferred to White Paws German Shepherd Rescue and 1 dog transferred to Bob's House of Dogs. The total census for the end of the month was: 9 dogs, 58 cats and 3 others.

-Molly met with the University of Minnesota and they are changing the surgical teaching class and will be working with the Kindest Cut Veterinary Clinic in Golden Valley. Starting in February we will be transporting animals there. This will now be a same day drop off and pick up of surgeries. This is a spay/neuter clinic and there will be a minimal charge of \$25 or more. Jennifer figures it may cost \$4000/year. This cost is not in the budget, Jennifer recommends we increase our adoption and surrender fees by \$10 and this would bring in around \$5000 to cover any surgical fees. After discussion, the board has decided to leave the surrender fees at \$30 each, but increase the adoption fees of altered cats and dogs by \$15 and unaltered cats and dogs by

\$10. A motion was made by Deb Newman to approve this increase in the adoption fees and seconded by Lori Mueller.

-Lake Wissota Animal Hospital neutered 3 adult cats this month. Chippewa Vet Clinic spayed 1 cat and Northside Veterinary spayed 2 cats.

-Jennifer met with Elise Bauer, Director of ECAH, on 12/11 and toured their facility and spoke at great lengths with Elise about Volunteer and Foster care protocols and opportunities.

-Jennifer spoke at Southview Elementary School on 12/18. The questions and answers from the first grade class were pretty cute. They donated a large amount of donations for the shelter and we gave them a christmas ornament.

-Jennifer has been in the process of implementing a Foster Program for some of our special needs animals. After speaking with other shelter directors and putting together applications and waivers, we now have a 14 year old pitbull in foster care with one of our volunteers.

-Savannah Wayne has taken on the volunteer coordinator position and Logan Smith has been hired as an animal caregiver every other weekend.

### **New Business-**

- A. Contracts for 2014- We have all the same contracts as last year and New Auburn is our only added contract.
- B. Christmas Donation giving- Molly Gezella-Baranczyk reported that we had 57 people that gave \$100 or more in donations where last year there was only 37. The ornaments went well.
- C. Network for Good- Molly Gezella-Baranczyk reported that she is working with Network for Good and will have an event pages for the Purr and Paw, for Valentine's Day cards and marketing Videos. She is taking about putting together a U-Tube video of "Shelter Happenings".
- D. Possibly opening one more day each week to the public- Since the budget is already done for 2014, the board had decided to bench this until we discuss next year's budget. It appears that the hours are adequate, and being able to set up appointments for adoptions and surrenders on other days, is working well.

### **Old Business-**

- A. Budget news- there is more money in our carry over amount from 2013, than we anticipated. What good news!

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Colleen Connell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.