

Chippewa County Humane Association Board of Director's Meeting
October 12, 2015

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Paula Young, Deb Newman, Lori Mueller, Karen Scarseth, and Sandra Stiles. Conference call with Pam Gibbs and Molly Gezella-Baranczyk. Shelter Manager Jennifer Johnson was absent

Members of the Public- Matt Hill and Julie Brooke were here and interested in joining the board.

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

Treasurer's Report- Current balance of checking is \$68,365 (\$32,500 is for renovation of the cat rooms with the Mold Eradication Project) and savings is \$74,511.

-Contracts: We have 4 signed so far for next year. Lafayette, Cooks Valley, Estella and Lake Holcombe.

A motion was made by Karen Scarseth to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Deb Newman.

Reports of Standing Committees-

Fundraising-

-Mailing- The next mailing will be going out end of November for the end of year mailing to the bigger list. But we will be going over the budgeted amount for this mailing. Deb Newman made a motion that we go over budget in order to cover mailing expenses of up to \$2,500 for this end of year mailing and seconded by Molly Gezella-Baranczyk. A vocal vote was passed. A reminder from Molly Gezella-Baranczyk, that "Giving Tuesday" is December 1st. Our shelter gets extra money if people give/renew membership on that day.

-Newsletter- Next newsletter was sent to the printing company last Friday.

-Dog Walk 2015- Sandra Stiles- We have 3 more checks coming in that we know of, and with those we will make right around \$6,960, minus the insurance of \$175 = \$6785. There were about 75 people at the walk and about 30 or so dogs, which is down from last year, but the money brought in is about the same as last year. The weather was almost too beautiful and hoping that this was the reason for the decrease in attendance.

-Packer Raffle- We have 3 more weekends to sell tickets outside the Gordy's stores. So there was discussion of any of board that is able to sit outside any of the Gordys any of these upcoming weekends. The drawing will be on November 1st.

Shelter Report-

-The census for the month of September: there were a total of 8 surrenders (8 dogs and no cats), 63 strays taken in (14 dogs and 49 cats), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There were no dogs and no cats euthanized due to health issues. There were no dogs but 1 cat euthanized due to aggressive behavior. There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to space.

There were no dogs but 2 cats and 1 other (bunny) died in their kennel. There were 21 dogs and 25 cats adopted and there was no dogs or cats were owner claimed. There are 10 cats at Petsmart, 16 cats in foster care and 3 dogs in foster care. The total census for the end of the month was: 13 dogs and 93 cats.

- Northside Veterinary performed 2 free cat spays and CVC performed 1 free cat spay.
- The Shelter transported 5 cats and 4 dogs to Globe University the week of September 7th, which 3 spay/neuter surgeries were performed.
- There were also 5 cats and 3 dogs transported to Globe University the week of September 21st, in which 2 spay/neuter surgeries were performed.
- There were 9 cats transported to the U of M this month for the routine spay/neuter program.
- The annual Rummage sale numbers are in! Easter Seals cash for the cloths program gave us \$288.90 and public donations were \$487.00. This puts the total money brought in at \$775.90, in which Jennifer believes that last year the total was \$710.00.
- Access Security has replaced the alarm key pad and the shelter is back online with Fire and Rescue notification. The theft deterrent can not be enabled at this time. When rechecking the system, 3-4 switches were not working, and the switches are in each of the entry and exit doors. In order to arm the system these switches must be replaced. These issues were unforeseen and not quoted in the estimate. Jennifer is waiting to hear from the Sales Rep for the added costs.
- Susan Gutnecht, a member of the Chippewa Elks Club, and Jennifer have been working on a grant proposal to utilize toward education of our youth in animal care. This is a charitable project given by the Elks. Our organization was chosen to receive the \$2000!

New Business-

- A. Network for Good- Molly says things continue to go well. Giving Tuesday is December 1st.
- B. Mold Eradication- The project was started on September 21. This is going well and staying on project. The ceiling fans are in and are able to be run at different speeds. Tiles start going in this week.
- C. We have two open Board Positions. We will be holding elections next month, as Matt Hill and Julie Brooke are interested in these positions, but all the present board members have not seen their applications.
- D. Deb make a motion that we table the election of the board positions and seconded by Karen Scarseth.
- E. Budget Meeting- Lori Mueller will contact Jennifer Johnson as to what was spent this last year for the budget. Lori will then send out emails and the board will discuss this at next month's meeting.
- F. Apparel costs from Paw Prints- Sandra will email out costs.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Karen Scarseth. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.