

Chippewa County Humane Association Board of Director's Meeting
November 9, 2015

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Paula Young, Deb Newman, Lori Mueller, Karen Scarseth, Pam Gibbs, Molly Gezella-Baranczyk, Shelter Manager Jennifer Johnson, Jackie Gibbs and Sandra Stiles. No one was absent.

Members of the Public- Julie Brooke was here and interested in joining the board.

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

Treasurer's Report- Current balance of checking is \$51,050 and savings is \$74,500.

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

A motion was made by Deb Newman to approve the treasurer's report (with the correction of a payment that was made to the mold eradication Project) and seconded by Molly Gezella-Baranczyk.

Election of Officers:

Paula opened the floor for nominations for President. Deb Newman nominated herself. Lori Mueller closed the nominations and Pam Gibbs seconded this. Deb then talked for a few minutes of why she felt she would make a good president. Deb stepped out as the rest of the board discussed her as president. Vote was taken by show of hands and passed unanimously.

Deb opened the floor for nomination for Vice President. Jennifer Johnson elected Molly Gezella-Baranczyk and Pam Gibbs nominated herself. Both accepted these nominations. Paula closed the nominations and Lori seconded this. Pam stepped out and Molly talked for a few minutes as to why she would make a good Vice President. Molly then stepped out and Pam talked for a few minutes as to why she would make a good vice president. Both stepped out as the rest of the board discussed them as vice-president. Vote was taken by paper ballot and Pam Gibbs won the election.

Deb opened the floor for nomination for Secretary. Paula nominated Sandra Stiles and she accepted. Paula closed nominations and Karen seconded. Sandra talked a few minutes as to why she wanted to continue as secretary. I stepped out and the board had a discussion. Vote was taken by show of hands and passed unanimously.

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. 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- Last newsletter was sent out end of October and next one will go out in the middle of December.

-Packer Raffle- The drawing was on November 1st. After cost of tickets and the money for the 4th place prize, we cleared \$2086.

Shelter Report-

-The census for the month of October: there were a total of 15 surrenders (13 dogs and 2 cats), 55 strays taken in (10 dogs and 45 cats), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There were no dogs but 2 cats euthanized due to health issues. There were no dogs but 5 cats euthanized due to aggressive behavior (4 were feral). There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to space. There were no dogs but 1 cat that died in its kennel. There were 22 dogs and 34 cats adopted and there was no dogs or cats were owner claimed. There are 5 cats at Petsmart, 26 cats in foster care and 1 dog at Bob's House. The total census for the end of the month was: 14 dogs and 112 cats.

-Northside Veterinary performed 2 free cat spays and CVC performed 1 free dog spay.

-The Shelter transported 5 cats and 3 dogs to Globe University the week of October 26th for routine vaccines and lab work.

-There were 6 dogs that were transported to the U of M, Kindest Cuts, the week of October 16 for Spay and Neuter.

-There were 1 dog and 6 cats transported to the U of M, Kindest Cuts, on October 21 for the routine spay/neuter program.

-The construction is done! They did a great job and stuck to our timeline. The shelter staff is in the process of getting the kennels back together. The kennels are stainless steel, but the nuts and bolts were not. So Gary has had to grind many of them off! They should have everything completed within a week. Jennifer reported that there are 3 more kennels left to put together. It has taken a little longer than thought.

-Eau Claire and Dunn County were a big help with letting us use the Petsmart space. Dunn is under construction and may be asking us to return the favor.

- Jennifer has met with Heather at Embark Dog Daycare and training site. She is going to set up a 1 day training at the shelter for staff and shelter dogs. They will also be inviting other rescue groups and shelters. She has also invited Jennifer to attend puppy training class whenever she gets any puppies in at the shelter. All of this at no cost!

-Security System- the cost of the switches and to install them is about \$200.

--Discussion about some of the intakes- Surrenders are \$30/dog or cat, else \$20 per mom cat and \$10 per kitten. We want to discuss next meeting about increasing the price for those people from counties that don't contract with our shelter.

New Business-

- A. Network for Good- Molly says things continue to go well. Giving Tuesday is December 1st. We do have some recurring donations coming in.
- B. Mold Eradication- The project was started on September 21 and was done last Friday. One bill has been paid, but the final ones haven't come in yet.
- C. Yankee Candle Fundraiser- We can get 40% of the sales on line and it is linked to our Network for Good and the Facebook page.
- D. Christmas Ornaments- Molly has ornaments left over from last year, and will offer them to anyone who makes over \$100 donation between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- E. We have two open Board Positions. Julie Brooke is interested in one of these positions, and brought her application to this meeting. Julie talked about herself and why she is interested in this position and what she can bring into the board. Julie stepped out for the board to discuss her application. Vote was taken by show of hands and passed unanimously.
- F. Molly also gave her resignation from the board in email during this meeting, so we have another open position.
- G. Budget Meeting- We discussed the 2016 Budget, Lori will redo the budget and vote next month.
- H. Apparel costs from Paw Prints- Sandra- The cost of printing and for t-shirts will be \$8-\$9, and \$28 for embroidered denim shirts.
- I. Purr and Paw- Paula will talk to Horizons, and see what Saturdays are open in April.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Karen Scarseth. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.