

Chippewa County Humane Association Board of Director's Meeting
July 6, 2015

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Paula Young, Deb Newman, Lori Mueller, Karen Scarseth, Shelter manager Jennifer Johnson and Sandra Stiles. Pam Gibbs and Molly Gezella-Baranczyk was absent.

Members of the Public- None

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

Treasurer's Report- Current balance of checking is \$134,812 (\$32,500 is for renovation of the cat rooms with the Mold Eradication Project and about \$65,000 of that we just received from an estate) and savings is \$14,500.

Lori has prepaid the \$5000 as we had discussed for Propane for this winter from Quality Propane. She was able to lock in at 99 cents per gallon.

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

Reports of Standing Committees-

Fundraising-

-Mailing- Next Mailing will go out the end of August.

-Newsletter- Next Newsletter will be coming out here in July.

-Dog Walk 2015- Sandra forgot to bring the checks to this meeting again, and all checks were left at her work. No new sponsors than last month- so about 10 sponsors so far.

Shelter Report-

-The census for the month of June: there were a total of 22 surrenders (11 dogs and 11 cats), 21 strays taken in (10 dogs and 11 cats), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There was 1 dog but no cats euthanized due to health issues. There were 2 dogs and 6 cats euthanized due to aggressive behavior (ferrel cats). There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to space. There were no dogs or cats that died in their kennel. There were 17 dogs and 8 cats adopted and there was no dogs or cats were owner claimed. There are 3 cats at Petsmart, 33 cats in foster care and 1 dog in foster care- Bob's House. The total census for the end of the month was: 9 dogs and 99 cats.

-Bloomer Veterinary removed a mass and amputated a front toe on a feline. The discounted cost was \$200.

-Sue Hakes from Lost Dogs of Wisconsin paid our neuter bill at Bloomer Veterinary for a shepherd.

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

-The shelter had an adoption event at Farm and Fleet on June 6th where three animals were adopted.

-The shelter took 2 kittens and 1 dog to visit the resident's at the Memory Care Center this month.

Jennifer checked into garbage prices. Express Disposal quoted her around \$86/month for bi-weekly pick up. However we are still under contract with Waste Management until September of 2015, and we are paying \$271/month for biweekly pick up. After discussion, Jennifer will double check with Express Disposal on this price and if this includes recycling. Then in September, will end our contract and start with Express Disposal.

-Jennifer feels something should be decided about the alarm system. At the bare minimum we need a fire alarm and security alarm. She had sent out estimates to the board last month. The sales rep stated the panel that needs to be replaced was not caused by lightning or anything that we could make an insurance claim on. Also we are not covered under warranty. To bring the system up to code, the estimate came in at \$1600, which doesn't include labor to trouble shoot, replace, program, test and train Jennifer and the staff. A motion was made by Deb Newman to have the security and alarm system replaced and brought up to code and seconded by Lori Mueller.

-Jennifer has started to advertise for the Annual Rummage sale on August 20, 21 and 22. They are now taking gently used items, but no electronics, baby cribs or large furniture.

-Jennifer has been working with Susie Gutnecht on getting a \$2000 grant through the Elks Club. The focus is on Youth Education Events. The Elks Club will be voting on the second Tuesday in July, on whether or not the grant will be submitted on behalf of the Chippewa Humane Association.

-Hours have been changed on the Web site and the shelter is now open Thursdays from noon to 5 along with Tuesdays and Saturdays as in the past.

New Business-

A. Network for Good- Molly is not at the meeting, but sounds like still going well.

B. Mold Eradication-There has only been one estimate that has come in, and no returned phone calls on the other ones. We would like to get going on this project this fall, and need to figure out if the cats need to be housed at other shelters while this work is being done.

C. We have two open Board Positions.

D. Air Show on July 4 and 5th- Sounds like those that were able to work were very busy on Saturday and a little slower on Sunday, but all went well.

E. Packer Raffle- After discussion, we have decided to do the Packer Raffle again this year, but only purchase 1 set of 2 tickets- to the Lions game on November 15. We would have the drawing on November 1st. Other prizes that are being discussed are: a TV, Kindle Fire and hoping we can get the tube float and pizza party from Loopy's again.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Karen Scarseth. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.