

Chippewa County Humane Association Board of Director's Meeting
March 14, 2016

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Deb Newman, Pam Gibbs, Lori Mueller, Karen Scarseth, Paula Young, Julie Brooke, Shelter Manager Jennifer Johnson and Sandra Stiles. No one was absent.

Members of the Public- None.

Secretary's Report- A motion was made by Paula Young to approve the secretary's report and seconded by Lori Mueller. No objections. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- For the membership mailing, we brought in \$8,160.00. The current balance of checking is \$70,760, and savings is \$99,329.99. A motion was made by Paula Young to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Pam Gibbs. No objections. Minutes approved.

Shelter Report-

-The census for the month of February: there were a total of 21 surrenders (10 dogs, and 11 cats), 17 strays taken in (6 dogs and 11 cats), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to health issues. There was no dogs and no cats euthanized due to aggressive behavior. There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to space. There were no dogs or cats that died in their kennels. There were 13 dogs and 21 cats adopted and there was 4 dogs and 1 cat that were owner claimed. There are no cats at Petsmart and 2 cats in foster care. The total census for the end of the month was: 5 dogs and 74 cats.

Shelter Report-

Shelter report from January:

Northside Veterinary performed 2 free cat spays and Chippewa Veterinary Clinic performed 1 free dog neuter.

Jennifer transported 5 dogs and 4 cats to Globe University the week of January 19-21st.

Jennifer transported 9 animals to the University of Minnesota on January 13 for spay/neuter surgeries.

Shelter report for February:

Northside Veterinary performed 2 free cat spays and Chippewa Veterinary Clinic performed 1 free dog neuter.

Jennifer transported 5 dogs and 4 cats to the University of Minnesota on February 24 for spay/neuter surgeries.

The shelter staff attended an adoption event at Farm and Fleet on February 6th, in which 2 cats were adopted from this event. Farm and Fleet had the shelter set up a wish list account with them. They were able to go through the entire store and scan items that they could use at the shelter. They have adoption events scheduled every month and they are putting up a container at their booth for donations from the wish list.

The shelter attended Petsmart's National adoption event on February 13th. There were no adoptions from this event though.

The Chippewa Humane now has an Instagram account. Apple Hill Photography is downloading a daily photo. This way more people can view the adoptable animals.

The shelter now has a Hills (Science Diet) pet food account through Dr. Olivia. This way they can purchase prescription diets at cost. If any board members need this brand for their pets, let Jennifer know and she will be ordering monthly at this point.

The shelter received \$2000 Beacon grant from the Elks Club. Paula, Deb and Jennifer were present at the Lake Wissota Golf Course when the check was presented. This money is to go toward any educational items needed when Jennifer speaks with schools or youth groups. It can also be used towards collars, leashes and tags. This could be a yearly grant for the shelter.

Jennifer has brought up discussion about returning adoption fees when returning animals back to the shelter. Jennifer said she has allowed people to return animals for an exchange within 14 days and give them their adoption fee back, but other shelters do not give this fee back. After discussion the board has decided that we will let people return animals, but we will no longer be giving back adoption fees after April 1st. Jennifer waives a surrender fee before 14 days, else when returning an animal, they must pay a surrender fee. A motion was made by Lori Mueller to approve this new contract on adoption fees and seconded by Paula Young. No discussion. No objections. Approved.

Standing Committees Updates-

- A. Mailing and memberships- Newsletter is ready to go out in the mail.
- B. Purr and Paw-will be on April 2 at Horizons. The Theme will be "The Murder of a Millionaire". There was discussion on tickets, decorations, food, raffle items, silent auction and anything we still need to do yet. Next year we would like the food group people to overlook the tickets. So far we have 22 sponsors, and have \$5700 in sponsors.

New Business-

- A. We have two open Board Positions.
- B. Staff Training- we would like the board to go through staff training, April 30 at 1:00
- C. Things to add to website. We want to get the minutes and newsletters back on the website.
- D. Henry's Birthday party brought in \$1750 and tons of canned food.

Old Business-

- A. Gutters at shelter- table until next month.
- B. Member handbook- table until next month.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lori Mueller. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.