

Chippewa County Humane Association Board of Director's Meeting
April 11, 2016

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Deb Newman, Pam Gibbs, Lori Mueller, Karen Scarseth, Paula Young, Julie Brooke, Jackie Gibbs, Shelter Manager Jennifer Johnson and Sandra Stiles. No one 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 Paula Young. No objections. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- The current balance of checking is \$71,000 and savings is \$99,329.99. The money from Purr and Paw will be in April's report. A motion was made by Paula Young to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Karen Scarseth. No objections. Minutes approved.

Shelter Report-

- The census for the month of March: there were a total of 15 surrenders (8 dogs, and 7 cats), 40 strays taken in (19 dogs and 21 cats), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There were no dogs or 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 or cats that died in their kennels. There were 11 dogs and 25 cats adopted and there were 11 dogs and no cats that were owner claimed. There are 3 cats at Petsmart and 12 cats in foster care. The total census for the end of the month was: 12 dogs and 67 cats.
- Northside Veterinary performed 2 free cat spays and Chippewa Veterinary Clinic performed 1 free dog spay.
- Jennifer transported 4 dogs and 3 cats to the University of Minnesota the week of March 2 for spay/neuter surgeries.
- Riverview Veterinary performed a free dog neuter for the shelter. They are now going to do 2 free spays or neuters a month.
- On March 18, Jennifer took part in the Wisconsin stray and seizure webinar through the Wisconsin Humane Society. This new law went into effect March 1, 2016. When an animal is brought in as a stray, the shelter has to hold this animal for 4 days before putting up for adoption. Unless the animal is licensed or tagged, then the 7 day hold still remains. This does not include the day the animal was brought in. However euthanasia's are still the 7 day hold, except to relieve its suffering or to protect the shelter staff.
- On March 29th, Jennifer hosted a Director's meeting at the shelter. Managers from Eau Claire, Dunn, Buffalo, Pepin and Barron Counties were all in attendance. The topics discussed were: Wisconsin stray seizure law, Construction and funding, Contracts, Animal Transfers and out of state rescues, owner surrender procedures and limits, and bully breed adoption process.
- Jennifer took 3 kittens to Elk Mound Elementary and visited Julie's 1st Grade Class. This visit was to get the book writing "adopt a cat project" started. There were 13 students each that

have chosen a cat at the shelter to write a story about. Jennifer brought them all a photo of the cat they have chosen, along with a short back stories of how each cat came to the shelter.

- Spay/Neuter protocol- The policy has been that all animals at a home (of a person who wants to adopt from our shelter) must be altered before adopting another animal. There have been a few people who have been upset with this decision. After discussion, we have decided that these people we would encourage them to explain why they have unaltered animals at their home and the manager will go over their application again and decide on each situation.

Standing Committees Updates-

- A. Mailing and memberships- Newsletter went out in March.
- B. Purr and Paw-will be on April 2 at Horizons. The bill from Horizons will be approximately \$3,511.00 So we cleared about \$9000 this year. Last year we cleared about \$10,000.
- C. Yearly Tasks:
 - Newsletter-Pam
 - Solicitation Letters- Deb
 - Network for Good/Consultant coordination- Pam/Molly
 - Dog Walk-Sandra
 - Packer Raffle- Paula/Karen
 - Christmas Ornament- Molly
 - Purr and Paw Ball-
 - Sponsorship/Prize solicitation- Lori/Pam
 - Site Coordination(reservation/food/decoration)- Karen/Paula
 - Murder Mystery-Deb
 - Summer Event
 - (Stuff a truck?)- Julie/Pam
 - Garage Sale- Lori/Paula

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 at the shelter.
- C. Non Profit workshop- Deb and Pam went to a meeting this past week on where money comes from with big corporations and individual donors. The workshop talked about how non profits should look at asking for donations with in the community.
- D. Budget Excess Decision- Lori will check into Northwest Bank and see if she can talk with a financial planner into what other accounts we could possibly earn better interest rates than the savings account.
- E. Discussion was made on increasing the staff enrichment budget to \$1400 more so Holly and Jennifer can both attend the Animal Care Expo in Los Vegas. Paula made a motion and Pam seconded. No objections. Motion approved.

Old Business-

- A. Gutters at shelter- Jennifer has 2 estimates for repairing the gutters. After discussion there was a hand vote and the decision is to go with Champion Gutters.
- B. Member handbook- table until next month.

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

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.