The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. In attendance were board members: Deb Newman, Pam Gibbs, Lori Mueller, Karen Scarseth, Paula Young, Christine Myers, Julie Brooke, Quincy Chapman, Sandra Stiles and Shelter Manager Jennifer Johnson.

Members of the Public- None.

Secretary's Report- Quincy Chapman and Julie Brooke actually were absent at the last meeting. A motion was made by to approve as corrected the secretary's report by Pam Gibbs and seconded by Lori Mueller. All consented. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- The current balance of checking is \$100,611.00, the Money Market is 145,112.00 and savings is \$35,069.00. A motion was made by Paula Young to approve Treasurer's report and seconded by Christine Myers. All consented. Minutes approved.

Shelter Report-

The census for the month of December: there were a total of 8 surrenders (4 dogs, 3 cats and 1 others-1 rabbit), 28 strays taken in (9 dogs, 18 cats and 1 other- rabbit), and no puppies or kittens were born at the shelter. There was no dogs but 1 cat euthanized due to health issues. There were no dogs and cats euthanized due to aggressive behavior. There were no dogs or cats euthanized due to space. There was no dogs or cats died in its kennel. There were 19 dogs, 49 cats and 3 others (2 birds and 1 chinchilla) adopted and there were 5 dogs and no cats that was owner claimed. There are 2 cats at Petsmart, 1 dogs and 12 cats in foster care. The total census for the end of the month was: 1 dog, 75 cats and 2 rabbits.

-Northside Vet Clinic spayed 2 kittens, Chippewa Vet Clinic neutered 1 dog, Riverview Vet Clinic spayed 2 cats, all at no charge.

-Jennifer has been having a lot of internet problems this month. Verizon has been out and ordered some equipment to test the availability of service out there. She's going to hear from them this week.

-Jennifer is excited to report, that we received a check for over \$1900 for the grant that she applied for. She would like to of ahead and purchase a new security system for the shelter.

-The Shelter has had a lot of donations this month, 2 girl scout troops, 1 boy scout troop, 1 brownie troop and 2 birthday parties. All were given tours of the shelter and were able to hand out treats and socialize with the animals.

-All the Globe Universities will be closing the end of this month, so we will no longer be taking animals to Woodbury. Eau Claire Globe is running under a new name, but the classes will be smaller, but we will be starting to take animals to them in January.

-The Animal Care Expo is coming up May 9-12, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Jennifer would like to go and is getting the prices.

Standing Committees Updates-

A. Purr and Paw- We will be having it at Horizons for April 1st. The theme is Murder at Margaritaville. The areas that need to be covered are: the Murder Mystery, the solicitation and decorations. The sponsor letters will be going out soon and we will decide on the cost of tickets and tables next month.

B. Solicitation Letter- Last year's membership letter was sent out by the printing company instead of the solicitation letter. The new letters should be going out this week.

- C. Memberships Letters- The new membership letter will go out later this month.
- D. Board Manual- will be tabled till next month.
- E. Strategic Plan update- will be tabled till next month.

New Business-

- A. Newsletter- The newsletter went out in December.
- B. Security Cameras- Jennifer got a grant for new cameras and equipment. She will send the estimates by email.
- C. Nepotism- will be discussed in the closed session after the meeting.
- D. Time limit for members of the public- A motion was made by Quincy Chapman to limit their presentations to 10 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions, and seconded by Lori Mueller. All consented. Minutes approved.
- E. Logo- Christine had sent out possible logos by email, and a few more were passed around during the meeting. Quincy said he would send a few ideas to a few college students and send out their ideas by email. Hopefully by next month we can vote on a new logo for the shelter.

Old Business-

- A. Contracts- No more updates.
- B. Web Site- Christine has invited Kristin, an independent web designer. She would redesign our web site and will bring ideas to our February meeting.

C. Budget was discussed and changes were made for the 2017 Budget. We will send out a new copy by e-mail, and vote that way.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Pam Gibbs. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Stiles, Secretary.