



**VOLUNTEER MEETING**  
AUGUST 17, 2022 6:30 PM  
FESTIVAL FOODS - JANESVILLE

Treasurer Christina Zink called the meeting to order at 6:30. Board member Debbie Hess was also in attendance. Welcome to new guests: cat fosters, Jessica Cullen and Barb Preston. Dog foster (Benny & Jax), Susan Haase, and her neighbor, Cheryl.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**C.A.F.E. (Companion Animal Food Effort):** Shiela Lund

- FON provided pet food to two pantries this week. There has been a slight decrease in the need for dog food. The C.A.F.E. Program is still in need of dry cat food (there was a molasses shortage in 2021/early 2022 which led to fewer donations through food drives at Mounds).
- Shiela is in the early stages of working with Amazon to obtain more food. Amazon provides overstock, returns, ripped bags, etc.
- Harley (known as Joe Cocker during his FON tenure) was fostered by Gary and Marita before being adopted by Shirley and Phil. At 14 years old, Harley recently passed away.

**S.A.F.E. (Saving Animals through Focused Education):** Dawn Espinosa

- Dawn recently had a meeting with volunteer Linda Lipinski to go over all the SAFE information and files. Dawn will be scheduling a meeting with Beth Lamb to go over everything and make plans as to how we can get the SAFE program more active post-Covid. In the meantime, Dawn will be adding some of the SAFE information to the website as well as have it at upcoming community events.

**NAF (Noah's Animal Fund):** Christina Zink

- The NAF application has been updated to accept applications only from counties Rock, Green, Jefferson, and Walworth.
- No NAF vet fees were paid out in July.
- As of 8/3, NAF has paid out \$17,592.52 in 2022.
- NAF has recently approved paying \$2500 towards a canine knee surgery.

**ANIMAL UPDATE**

- Sue Showers:
  - Shadow (a 7 year old black cocker) is now available. Shadow comes from the same home as Sunny.
  - Winnie had her final blood test yesterday to check for heartworm. She still needs to be spayed before being posted for adoption.
  - Sydney & Bailey are 2 beagles recently taken in by a new foster, Anna. The beagles were found dumped outside of Clinton with no microchips. They both still need to be fully vetted before being posted for adoption.
  - Bear Carlos (now Crosby) has been adopted. Both Sue and Christina see Crosby with his new family frequently and he is in great hands!
  - Sunny has been adopted.
  - Sue mentioned that she does have new foster homes available. It is now it is a matter of taking in dogs that are a good match for the foster.

- Cindy Jenson:
  - There were 9 cat adoptions last month (Kennedy, Faith, Harrison, Greta, Ben & Jerry (bonded pair), Vito, Enzo, and Rocco).
  - Three new kittens (Gia, Mia, and Mario) are with Bango and Buddy in the Adoption Center.
  - Bango and Buddy are 3-year-old bonded males whose owner is no longer able to care for them. According to Sherry Martin, they have been very reserved but are starting to come around!
  - Cindy mentioned that there has been difficulty getting felines into vets timely which has increased the turn-around time for adoptions.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Christina Zink

- During the month of July, FON received \$3493.87 in donations. Donations include those made in memory of Sharon Cybart, Amanda Marx, and Charles 'Chuck' Anderson as well as donations received from community events.
- Adoption fees totaled \$1215.
- Expenses included \$579.53 (foster supplies) and \$1810.93 (vet fees) for a total of \$2390.46.
- Christina has been working on updating the Friends of Noah profile with Guidestar. GuideStar is a public charity that collects, organizes, and presents information about every single IRS-registered nonprofit organization. Having updated information will allow Friends of Noah to have a seal of transparency. This has been quite time-consuming.
- Once this has been completed, Christina will work on the application Petco Love Foundation, which also looks to be very involved.

#### **EVENTS:** Dawn Espinosa

- Milton Community Night (7/29) and Artrageous Wednesday we're both good events.
- The 'events' themselves are low-key and involve a game for the kids and general engagement with the public. Brochures are available to hand out and anyone with 'involved' questions can be directed to the website.
- Upcoming events:
  - 9/2: Edgerton Night Market (if we can get volunteers). Dawn is able to assist for set up and take down.
  - 9/30: Milton Community Days
  - 10/28: Milton Community Days (if we can get volunteers).

#### **MISC:**

- Dawn/donations:
  - The 'donate' tab on the website has been updated to reflect the variety of ways donations can be made to FON. We now have a Chewy link on the website (food/items can be purchased for fosters), RaiseRight (online gift card program). There is also an AmazonSmile link for shopping. In Memory/Honor of has also recently been added.
- Sue mentioned that we are currently low on harnesses and leashes (many were donated to victims of the Kentucky tornadoes in December). Dawn will add these to the Chewy and Amazon wish lists.
- Shiela asked about Arftic Art 2023. Dawn mentioned that without the availability of the Pontiac Convention Center, Arftic Art has not found a new home. However, Arftic Art is very labor intensive and we are looking into other (less labor intensive) events to fill that void. Friends of Noah does raise the majority of their funds from Arftic Art, however, the majority of the money raised in 2022 came from sponsorships received, not from the event itself.
- Debbie mentioned that the Board is looking into locations for a Meat Raffle or other event. Debbie will check into Sneakers. Sue suggested also checking in with Barkley's (Al Meehan). Macs Pizza Shack and Texas Roadhouse were also mentioned as possible 'event' opportunities. Dawn divulged that many of the 'easy' restaurant fundraisers often include the caveat of a guaranteed dollar amount of sales which is obviously hard to gauge at the moment. Dawn also stated that Dawn said that while FON is always looking into event opportunities, without volunteers to 'work' these events, it's difficult to commit. However, if someone knows of an event or opportunity, and can commit to 'working' the event, reach out to Dawn.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 16, 2022.