



VOLUNTEER MEETING
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2022

Mark Boeche, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Board members Emily Dykstra, Debbie Hess, Christina Zink, Rhonda Karlen, and Sheila JaDouL were also present.

Welcome to new guests: Amanda and Zoey Niedermeier, Zoey Walker, and Jennifer Pease.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **CAFÉ** (Companion Animal Food Effort) / Sheila Lund:
 - Demand is picking up.
 - 2 ½ - 3 pallets of food will be picked up later this week. Thank you to Jeff, Mark, Tim, and Cindy for helping out.
- **SAFE** (Saving Animals through Focused Education) / Dawn Espinosa:
 - Dawn will be meeting with Beth Lamb in the near future to discuss the future of SAFE. In the meantime, still working to get SAFE information added to the website.
- **NAF** (Noah's Animal Fund) / Christina Zink:
 - NAF assisted the families of Luca and Mariah in October for a total of \$4310.76.
 - To date, \$25726.31 has been paid out on behalf of owners who qualify for financial hardship. NAF has committed to paying out an additional \$3000 (currently waiting for an invoice).
 - NAF has received several 'bigger ticket' (ortho surgeries) applications this year. Typically, NAF allows a max of \$3000 and usually does not cover more than 60% of the vet fees. However, each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 - A recent NAF recipient stopped by the Meat Raffle on Saturday to thank FON and donate.
 - Sue Showers mentioned that a former NAF recipient is now a foster – it is her way of giving back to FON.

ANIMAL UPDATE

- **Cat Update** / Cindy Jenson:
 - Adoptions are slower at the moment.
 - Bella & Beatrice (senior bonded pair) just adopted.
 - Hershey (now Willow) which was a return is doing very well in its new home.
 - There is currently an abundance of kittens! Foster Jessica Cullen saved them from becoming ferals.
 - Cindy has just taken in a Mama and 4 kittens (there were 5, one died from the cold).
- **Dog Update** / Sue Showers:
 - Dumped beagles Bailey and Sidney were adopted by their foster.
 - Puppies: Harper has been adopted by her foster. Nova is available for adoption and is already receiving lots of applications. FON will be taking in another puppy from the 'oops litter'.
 - Stray Arthur, who tested positive for Lymes, has been adopted by his foster.
 - KC (rehome) is currently also in foster care.

TREASURERS REPORT / Christina Zink:

- During October, \$625 in donations and \$695 in adoption fees were received. There was \$705 in foster vet fees and \$4310.76 in NAF vet fees.

- Great job to Debbie Hess for her work on the Sneakers Meat Raffle. Friends of Noah raised a total of \$2144! The breakdown was \$715 (from the meat raffle), \$1095 (raffle baskets), \$250 (50/50), and \$84 (donations). Sneakers donated the meat.
- Network for Good will be sending \$380 (received in November) for money raised through Facebook. This was for Holly's surgery. Cindy indicated that Holly is now 4 pounds and will be having surgery soon.

EVENTS / Dawn Espinosa

- Humane Holidays at Mounds will run 12/1 – 12/24. This is a food drive for the CAFÉ Program. We will have volunteers on hand from 12-2 on weekends during the event. Donations can be brought into Mounds and left in the 'bin' at the front of the store, purchased in-store and dropped in the bin, or purchased at the register. Thank you Debbie, Annette, Judy, Alice, Sue and Sandy for manning the information table during this event!
- Holiday House will be 12/15 – 12/17, and 12/21 – 12/23 from 5pm – 8pm. Mike Nieman and Tom Joyce have once again graciously decided to decorate and open up their 1886 Victorian home to benefit FON. Admission is free with a cash donation to FON. Posters are available for distribution.
- RCHS Tallman House Holiday Tree Show will run 11/26 – 12/30. The RCHS has donated a 7' indoor tree for FON to decorate. RCHS is allowing us to have on-site food drop-off and a cash donation box. We will utilize this as a 'giving tree' for our fosters using the items that are already on Chewy and Amazon. We will need a 'decorating crew' to decorate ASAP. Let Dawn know after the meeting if you're able to help. Cindy mentioned that the Adoption Center needs new rugs so that will be added to the list!

MISC

- **Grant Writer / Christina Zink:**
 - Friends of Noah would like to apply for more grants but is looking for a volunteer that might have experience with this task. Some grant applications are detailed and time consuming. If interested, please let Christina know.
- **Giving Tuesday – Sponsorships / Dawn Espinosa:**
 - Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Black Friday weekend. FON will be using this as a Sponsorship Drive kick off. We will be doing an email, snail mail, and social media blast as a way to raise money for FON. Sponsorships start at \$350 and are open to any business or individual but any donation is welcome! There are benefits in return for sponsorship depending on level. There are forms/flyers available for anyone to take if interested – or if they would like to share with someone who might be interested. These are also available on the FON website. If anyone has questions, they can reach out to Dawn.
- **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers and all they have done throughout the year. To celebrate FON held a gift card drawing and had light refreshments for all.
- **Next meeting:** 2/16/23