



VOLUNTEER MEETING

January 19, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Festival Foods - Janesville, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Vice-President Gary Bersell. Board members in attendance: Mark, Christina, Jean. Welcome to new guests Courtney Lynch, Michelle Olson, Helaina Baker, and Harrison Baker. Welcome back Shelly and Karina Dewitt!

CAFÉ (Companion Animal Food Effort)/Shiela Lund:

- It's been a very busy six (6) weeks with food drives by Mounds, Milton Veterinary Clinic, and RES (Brodhead). Special thanks to Marling Lumber for once again assisting in transport.
- CAFÉ donated 3600 cans of cat food, 1100 pounds of dog food plus bowls, leashes, collars, and toys to Kentucky tornado victims. Due to COVID issues affecting planned transportation, it was the kindness of strangers and their trailer that made this delivery possible. In addition, with arrangements being made 'on the fly', all items had to be loaded by hand as no forklifts were available to lift the pallets. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make this happen. (*Sidenote: There is a post on our Facebook page with more detail and images.*)

SAFE (Savings Animals through Focused Education): No report

Noah's Animal Fund/Christina Zink:

- Christina mentioned we have been receiving requests/inquiries weekly for assistance. In December, there was one approved application for \$1100 (heartworm treatment).
- There have been 4 inquiries so far in January 2021 but no approvals as of this time.
- In 2021, NAF spent \$30,936.
- NAF does not pay for diagnostic or preventative medicine.
- Applications are available online.

Treasurer Report/Christina Zink :

- In 2021, FON took in approximately \$69000 through donations \$38674, events \$24899 (Holiday House, \$2234/Garage Sale, \$6000, Arctic Art sponsorships, \$16000) and adoption fees (\$4500).
- Vet bills in 2021 totaled \$14000.
- Exciting news! As of 1/19, the Betty White Challenge brought in \$690 via PayPal alone. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Events/Dawn Espinosa:

- Lampe Creative Impressions - Arftic Art sponsor and vendor. They are hosting a series of events including shopping and photography. A portion of the proceeds from sales of their Paws for Lizzie line are donated to FON. You are encouraged to check out the page on Facebook.
- Mounds - People for Pets: In February, Mounds Janesville will be featuring Friends of Noah as their People for Pets Round-Up at the Register recipient. Mounds is a big FON sponsor and we are thankful for the continued support!
- ARFTIC ART is 30 days away! The event will be held 2/19 from 10-4 at the Pontiac Convention Center, Janesville. There will be shopping, raffles, silent auctions, pet demos, and more! The Planning Committee could use help with the following:
 - Volunteer for the event - sign up sheet was passed around.
 - Poster distribution groups of posters have been broken down by location. Please take a grouping in your community and distribute these to help get the word out. The list attached is NOT all-encompassing. Please share the posters with any business!
 - Donations! We are still in need of new donations for both our Raffle and Silent Auction. If you'd like to make arrangements for pick up, please email Dawn (friendsofnoahmarketing@gmail.com). Ideally, donations should be received no later than 2/11.

Animal Update/Sue Showers:

- We recently took in Lily. Lily was 'found' by a new foster via a Craigslist posting. She is 12 years old and will be going to the vet this week.
- Sassy is a 6-year-old heeler still in foster care.
- There were 6 cat adoptions from 12/15 - 1/18.
- We are in need of cat and dog fosters.
- Dawn reiterated that FON does not have a brick-and-mortar facility which is why fosters are so important. While we do have the Mounds Adoption Center in Janesville for some kittens/cats, EVERY cat and dog we take in goes through a foster first. We are limited by the number of animals we can help by the number of fosters available.

MISC:

- Shiela Lund mentioned that in the Mounds Humane Holidays Facebook post, the dog in the photos is Baxter. Baxter was rescued by FON at 5 months old with a badly mangled leg. The leg was amputated and Baxter ended up being adopted by his foster. Baxter is now 10 years old!
- Gary Bersell mentioned that his Maltese was also adopted after being fostered through a FON Foster Parent. Lenny is now 8 years old and likes to sing!

Next meeting will be on February 16th at 6:30 p.m. *Reminder - contact Dawn Espinosa with any Arftic Art donations beforehand!*