



## Volunteer Meeting Minutes

11/17/21 6:30pm

Festival Foods - Janesville

Board Members present: Emily Dykstra, Debbie Hess, Christina Zink, Mark Boeche, Jean Austin

Emily Dykstra called the meeting to order.

### Committee Reports:

- CAFÉ (Companion Animal Food Effort): Shiela Lund reported that in addition to the Mounds Holiday Pet Food Drive, Milton Veterinary Clinic and Ecological and Environmental Restoration will also be holding pet food drives. Watch our Facebook page as more information becomes available on all of these! At this time, dry cat food is most needed.
- SAFE (Saving Animals through Focused Education): No report
- NAF (Noah's Animal Fund): Christina Zink reported that in the month of November Noah's Animal Fund helped 3 cats and 1 dog with financial assistance totalling approximately \$4000. *(After the meeting, Christina totalled up all the funds released and year to date, Noah's Animal Fund has paid out nearly \$24,000.)*

### Animal Update:

- Twelve (12) adoptions have taken place in the last month. No intakes.

### Events:

- Mounds Holiday Pet Food Drive: Thank you to Annette Smith, Debbie Hess, Shiela Lund, and Sheila JaDoul for volunteering. Volunteers still needed for 12/18 and 12/19 shifts.
  - *(Positions were filled at end of meeting by Mark Boeche and Karina/Shelly DeWitt- thank you!)*
- Lampe Creative Impressions, a past Arctic Art vendor, is once again holding an online fundraiser and Christmas photo shoot on 12/11.. A portion of the proceeds of items purchased from their 'Paws for Lizzie' line will be donated to Friends of Noah. Details can be found on their Facebook page at [Lampe Creative Impressions | Facebook](#).
- Victorian Holiday House posters and flyers are available! For those not familiar with the holiday house, Mike Nieman and Tom Joyce decorate practically every inch of their home's interior with Christmas decorations, including lots of trees and Victorian decorations. Members from the Board will be available each night to answer any questions and take donations. As always, the event is free but donations are encouraged. This is a fun (and easy) fundraiser for Friends of Noah!
  - Please take what you would like to hand out/hang up in local businesses. *Please contact [Dawn Espinosa](#) if you like additional, otherwise extras will be available at*

*Mounds - Janesville, in the cabinet by the Adoption Center after 12/1. Please help yourself!*

- Arctic Art: The event will be held on 2/19 at the Pontiac Convention Center. For those not familiar with the Arctic Art, Arctic Art is a unique shopping experience with vendors of all kinds, a silent auction, raffles, and new this year, a pet photo contest. Posters will be available for distribution at the December Volunteer Meeting.
  - The planning committee is currently working on securing sponsors and vendors for this event but anyone (or any business) can donate! Donation forms available for those who would like to collect donations. Donations can be brought to the December and/or January volunteer meeting.
  - Raffle / Auction Baskets: The Planning Committee will be asking for help from the volunteers in putting together baskets as the event gets closer.
  - Storage of donation items: We are also in need of a storage space (or two). If any volunteers have space they can donate to store donated items, that would be great. *Feel free to reach out to [Dawn Espinosa](#) if you can help!*

**Next meeting date:** December 15th at 6:30 PM. The Arctic Art Planning Committee will be meeting prior at 5:30 PM. ***It was determined at a follow up Board Meeting that the December Volunteer Meeting will have holiday treats! Watch for emails!***