



VOLUNTEER MEETING

December 15, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Festival Foods - Janesville, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Dawn Espinosa. Board members in attendance: Steve, Emily, Jean, Debbie, Mark, and Christina. No new guests.

CAFÉ (Companion Animal Food Effort):

- Shiela indicated that in addition to the Mounds Humane Holidays, Environment Service Group (?) in Brodhead and Milton Veterinary Clinic are also doing pet food drives to benefit FON.
- Shiela is coordinating with Family Dollar in Evansville to donate pet food for the North Central EMS supply drive to assist tornado victims in Kentucky. In addition to 3600 cans of cat food and 1100 pounds of dog food, FON is also donating pet food bowls, leashes, collars, and toys. Some transportation logistics are being worked on as of the meeting time. (Watch Facebook page for updates!)
- Dawn thanked everyone who volunteered for the Mounds Humane Holidays info table this year. While the food drive continues through 12/24, our last weekend of the info table will be 12/18-19.

SAFE (Savings Animals through Focused Education): No report

Noah's Animal Fund:

- Christina mentioned there have been fewer applications this month compared to previous months. As of mid-November, FON has contributed over \$20,000 to qualified Noah's Animal Fund applicants.

Animal Update:

- Per Cindy, FON has had 7 intakes and 4 adoptions. Precision Vet in Madison has been wonderful with our spays and neuters and affordably priced.
- Sherry indicated the 'Mama' intakes at the Mounds Adoption Center are coming out of their shells.
- Sue mentioned that Sassy is the only dog still in foster. There was a possibility of taking another in, but that fell through at the last minute.
- Both canine and feline fosters are desperately needed.

Events:

- Lampe Creative Impressions is continuing its series of online fundraisers including shopping and photo opportunities. A portion of the proceeds from their Paws for Lizzie line will be donated to FON. They are also a new Arctic Art sponsor and a returning vendor. We thank them for their continued support. Events can be found on our Facebook page or linked from the FON website.

- Victorian Holiday House starts tomorrow (12/16)! Dates are 12/16-12/19, and 12/22-23 from 5pm - 8pm each night. Thank you to our Board Members who will be assisting this event! Posters still available for distribution.
- Arctic Art is scheduled for 2/19. Vendor space is filling up. We have confirmed pet demonstrations. We are now accepting raffle and silent auction donations. More posters will be available for distribution at the January meeting. Dawn will talk to Amber about a 'sign up' which has worked well in past years. In the meantime, Pat S took posters for Beloit and Shiela L-W took posters for Milton.

2021 in Review:

As all of us know, 2021 has been another challenging year. With that said, let's look back and see what FON has accomplished:

- Resumed in-person volunteer meetings
- February: Mounds People for Pets raised \$5400
- July - Mounds Adoption Center reopened
- August: Grrr-age Sale raised nearly \$6000
- New Board Members added throughout the year(Jean Austin, Mark Boeche, and Christina Zink)
- Noah's Animal Fund - added applications online. Over \$20,000 in assistance.
- Intakes - 50 (6 dogs)
- Adoptions - 27 (4 dogs)

We are a small but mighty group and we are making an impact beyond Rock County. Thank you to our volunteers for their continued work!

Treats and beverages were enjoyed.

Next meeting will be January 19th at 6:30 p.m. Arctic Art donations can be brought to the meeting. If you'd like to make a donation but are unable to make the meeting, please email [Dawn Espinosa](mailto:Dawn.Espinosa@fon.org) to arrange pick up.