



VOLUNTEER MEETING

August 18, 2021

Festival Foods - Janesville

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Steve Caya, President.
Board members present: Gary Bersell, Emily Dykstra, Jean Austin, Debbie Hess.
Absent: Jodi Millis.

Welcome volunteers!

Thank you to Jodi Millis, Treasurer, for her time spent on the Board. She will be stepping down from the Board at the end of August but will continue as a volunteer.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

CAFE (Companion Animal Food Effort): Shiela Lund reported:

- Our relationship with Petco has changed due to some changes they have recently put in place. We are currently in the process of re-establishing ourselves as one of their Partners with the PetcoLove Foundation. Once this has been re-established, we will need a volunteer(s) for an information table/adoption event at their Janesville location once or twice a month.
- Mounds recently provided a very generous donation to the CAFE Food Pantry. Thank you to Mounds for the donation and to Jeff Hess for help in transporting!
- Marling Lumber/Homeworks recently transported a large amount of food for the CAFE program. Thank you, Marling!
- Due to the number of donations received, CAFE donated a large amount of canned cat food to the Humane Society.
- Whitewater Food Pantry is grateful for all the CAFE program has done.

SAFE (Saving Animals through Focused Effort):

- No Report

NAF (Noah's Animal Fund): Steve Caya reported:

NAF has been very active in providing financial support to at least 1 or 2 animals on a monthly basis. In some cases, NAF provides a small amount of assistance. In other cases, NAF foots the entire veterinary bill. Applicants need to meet qualifying criteria to be considered for assistance.

ANIMAL UPDATE:

Rhonda Karlen reported:

- 5 animals have been adopted in the last month (Penny, Liam, Benny, Luca, and Lexi).
- Cooper and Gulliver have been returned to FON and are available for adoption.
- FON recently took in 15 kittens who were rescued from a kill shelter. They will receive the necessary care before being put up for adoption.

Sue Showers reported:

- Lexi (recently adopted) has brought life back to the family who adopted her.
- Sassy is doing well and will be up for adoption soon.
- Will be 'out of commission' for a period of time as she recuperates from knee surgery. Rhonda and Emily (Dykstra) will field calls in the interim.

EVENTS:

- **Grrr-age Sale** / Jean Austin:
Nearly \$6000 was raised! Thank you to all who donated and to all the volunteers who donated their time in setting up, pricing, selling, etc, to make this happen! Special thanks to Mark B and Sandy K who spent countless hours helping to set up and run the sale. The Board thanks Jack and Jean for being kind enough to donate their property for weeks on end in order to make this happen!
- **Mounds Info Table** / Dawn Espinosa:
This is a monthly event held at the Janesville location. Christina Z. volunteers on the 4th Saturday of every month to help educate customers on FON missions. After the recent Mounds Adoption Center Re-opening, Cindy added the 'Spin the Wheel' for a prize to the info table. This has been very helpful in getting people to stop by the table for information and also generate additional donations.
- **Holiday House** / Dawn Espinosa:
Planning ahead to December, Tom Joyce and Mike Nieman who own a Victorian home on Chatham Street have indicated that they will again decorate their home for the holidays as a FON fundraiser. Board members will each 'man' a night at the house to provide information about FON and our missions. This is a very successful (and fun!) fundraiser for FON. Stay tuned for more details!
- **Arctic Art** / Steve Caya:
At his time, the event is being planned for February 19, 2022. Emails will be sent out to volunteers regarding planning. We are also hoping to have fundraising opportunities in 2022.

MISC:

Basics Co-op recently featured Friends of Noah for their Register Round-Up program (round up your purchase to the nearest dollar for their chosen non-profit of the month). Friends of Noah received just over \$1000 in Register Round-Up donations! Thank you, Basics!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Adoption Center:**
 - Dawn has spoken with Sherry Martin. Volunteers are still needed for nights and weekends. Backup volunteers are welcome!
 - Sherry would also like to thank those that stepped up to do laundry for Adoption Center - THANK YOU!
- **Fosters:**
 - Cat and dog fosters are always needed! Please contact Cindy, Sue, or Rhonda if you would like to foster.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 20, 2021 @ Festival Foods.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: September 12, 2021. Please email Dawn Espinosa (friendsofnoahmarketing@gmail.com) with any additions to the September Newsletter.