



## VOLUNTEER MEETING

October 20, 2021

Festival Foods - Janesville

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Gary Bersell, Vice-President.

Board members present: Emily Dykstra, Jean Austin, Debbie Hess, Mark Boeche.

Absent: Steve Caya

### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**CAFE (Companion Animal Food Effort):** Debbie Hess reported:

- We currently have a good supply of dry pet food in storage. There has been a greater demand for canned dog food from food pantries.
- Jeff (Hess) is currently for a dolly.
- We currently supply food pantries in Rock County.

**SAFE (Saving Animals through Focused Effort):**

- No Report

**NAF (Noah's Animal Fund):** Christina Zink reported:

NAF has been receiving a few applications every month. While some applications are received incomplete, NAF has recently received some larger dollar applications. Very few NAF applications are turned completely down, it is usually a matter of deciding how much financial assistance will be provided.

### ANIMAL UPDATE:

Sherry Martin reported:

- Ten (10) cats/kittens have been adopted within the past month. We've taken in five (5).
- Cooper and Gulliver have been adopted together. Cooper and Gulliver had originally been adopted in 2018 and were returned to FON this year. They are doing well with their adopter and no longer hide. Sherry will contact the adopter for updated photos and a story.

Sue Showers reported:

- Sue has been in touch with Sassy's foster. Sassy's foster indicated that Sassy is still hesitant around people.
- Benny and Jax are available for adoption. Sue will be meeting with a prospective adopter this week.

**EVENTS:** Dawn Espinosa reported:

- **Mounds Info Table:** Christina Zink has been volunteering at this table. This month will be her last month in this role as FON will not have a table in November and December due to the holidays. A new volunteer is needed starting in January 2022. Shiela JaDoull has volunteered to take over the position. Thank you, Shiela!
- **Holiday House:** Tom and Mike who own the home on Chatham Street will again be decorating it for the holidays. Their home will be open for public tours on specific days in December. Board members will be available on those evenings to answer questions and collect donations.
- **Mounds Holiday Pet Food Drive:** Mounds has reached out to once again hold a pet food drive for FON in December. Food (and other items) are collected in several ways: online donations through Mounds, a large collection bin inside the front doors at Mounds, and at the cash registers. We will need at least one volunteer on each of six (6) dates in December for the FON information table. Those dates

are 12/4-5, 12/11-12, 12/18-19 from 12:30 - 2:30 each day. Dawn will have Amber Jackson send out a volunteer sign-up sheet. Volunteers can bring a friend or family member.

- **Arctic Art:** Set for 2/19/22 from 10 am - 4 pm. Arctic Art will be the last event at the Pontiac Convention Center as the building has been sold. The planning committee had their first meeting tonight and will keep volunteers apprised of what is needed - including donations. Gary Bersell mentioned that the Board has hired Heidi Van Kirk to assist with Arctic Art. Heidi is a consultant who works with other non-profits for fundraising activities.

**MISC:**

- Christina Zink will be assuming Treasurer duties effective immediately.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 17, 2021 at Festival Foods! The Arctic Art Planning Committee will be meeting at 5:30 if anyone would like to participate.