

## **Meeting Minutes • January 30, 2018**

### Pre-Meeting Events

Donations to Feral Cat Feeders: Bags of Dry Cat Food; drawings for prizes to donors

T-shirt Sales at "Tonight Only" prices : Mardi Gras; \$15; Christmas T's; \$10.

Mardi Gras Reservations: \$30/pp

2018 Membership Renewals

Financial Update from last autumn fundraisers through today

Janie

Final #s from PA T-shirts & Christmas cards

Bunny

Special donations: I-give; Amazon. Donations from online purchases from our supporters. So easy, and cost you nothing.

Proceeds from fall fundraising efforts exceed \$55,000, including:

Brunswick Chamber of Commerce Expo (February, 2018)

7<sup>th</sup> Bicycle Poker Run (October, 2017)

Oyster Festival (October, 2017)

Oktoberfest (October, 2017)

Sugar Shack Halloween Party (October, 2017)

Great Clips Annual Campaign (October, 2017)

ProActive Real Estate (October, 2017)

Belk's FALL Charity Day Sales (November, 2017)

2017 Christmas Cards (November & December, 2017)

Photos with Santa (December, 2017)

Memorial Fund (various dates)

Paws-Ability's Memorial Fund: Donations to PA in memory or in honor of a pet

Many December, 2017 Memorials received

Molly - Lynda Tyner

Potter - Pam & Currie Batchelor

Daisy Mae - Chris Gillis

Masie - Nicole & Mike DePauw

Tai - Ellen Lehrer

Gabe - Jane Lanzillo

Introduce Jane's new dog, Daisy

### RAISING FUNDS, IT'S OUR MISSION

Brunswick Chamber of Commerce (Robin Beliveau) presents Paws-Ability a check for \$500 for our volunteers' staffing the entrance gates on Day #1 of the Oyster Festival last October

We present funds to support animal rescue in Brunswick Count

Furever Friends, Leland

RACE: funds from Gracie's Hope for fostering, treating, and placing heartworm positive dogs, and assistance with veterinary services

Adoption Statistics

Furever Friends: 33 dogs & 13 cats = 46 adoptions

RACE (dogs only): 10 seniors in hospice care; 400 adoptions

CatTails (cats only): 400 adoptions

Adopt An Angel: 228 Dogs & 933 Cats = 1,161 adoptions

These are rescue groups that have no facilities to support, and pay no salaries.

They use foster homes instead of cages with concrete floors, and are staffed entirely by volunteers. In these foster homes, their animals learn to live as part of a real family before they are adopted.

2018 . . . We begin a new year!

Membership Drive: Membership drive for 2018 began on Jan 1. Be sure that your membership is current. ALL MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE ACTIVE FOR VOLUNTEERS, for insurance purposes.

Valentines: Our member, Geri Esposito, makes handmade Valentines featuring the Paws-Ability logo. They are for sale for \$5 each; all proceeds support animal welfare.

Mardi Gras 4 Paws is Tuesday, February 13 at Jinks Creek Waterway Grille on OIB 6-9 PM; \$30/pp

Live jazz courtesy of Sea & Sand Band

Authentic Cajun menu of appetizers

Royal parade including reigning King & Queen and past Kings & Queens  
Volunteers needed

Proceeds will be donated to spay / neuter program at Fix-A-Friend (FAF)

2017: 10,903 surgeries

Offering \$25 surgeries for month of January, 2018

January 2017: FAF did 540 surgeries. Let's help them top this number & reduce the number of kittens born in spring of 2018.

The Salt Sanctuary at Spiritquest: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Paws-Ability's Scrapbook

Sue LoBuono

Support Paws-Ability's Sponsors and give them a PA business card to let them know that you are proud to give them your business because of their support of Paws-Ability!

Cat House Project

Have delivered 4 houses so far in 2018

Mercy McCurdy, Linda Sing and Janie Withers took pizza to Brunswick Academy when we picked up two houses; talked with students to let them know how important this program is.

Clay Held, shop teacher, got recognition for his shop class when they were accepted as part of a federal program, NCCER, Natl Center for Construction Education & Research.

Jay Williams, owner of The Roof Doctor in Calabash, donated shingles because he is impressed that the students are learning roofing skills.

This program helps us to produce houses to provide protection to homeless cats and is also teaching students skills they will carry for

life. It is also helping us change the way young people will treat animals for a lifetime.

Tonight's Speakers: Debra Fincher and Jim Baumgartner, "The Benefits of TNR"

Debra Fincher and Jim Baumgartner manage TNR in Holden Beach and Shallotte

Cat Food Donations for Feral Cat Colonies; raffle tickets for each bag of food donated

Raffle winners tonight:

Diane Kreuzburg

Pat Abel

Patty Brisson

Carolyn Wright

Ellen Lehrer

## UPDATES

Papa John's "PAWS30" promotion continues

PEP

Pet Education Six-Week Program completed at Supply Elementary School. Jesse Mae will begin in the spring.

To volunteer, contact Derrilyn Harbeston.

Stella's Touch

Objective: keeping pets and their humans together

Anne VonDerHeide: chairperson

16 cases so far with about \$7,000 in funds spent to date

"Good Citizens" Test and Designation

"Good Citizens' Test" taught by Cynthia Kipp (Brunswick Search & Rescue)

Enroll your dog through Brunswick County Community College:  
910.755.7300

UNCHAIN BRUNSWICK - AFAR (Aggregated For Animal Rights)

Led by Madge Mateo: [afarnc@gmail.com](mailto:afarnc@gmail.com)

Organized effort to encourage various communities to adopt the same or similar language to prohibit the practice of chaining dogs outside indefinitely

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, February 3: Brunswick County Chamber Expo, Sea Trail Convention Center

Saturday, February 10, 2018: The Salt Sanctuary at SpiritQuest, Ocean Isle Beach.

Sunday, June 3: BandFest, Sunset Beach Town Park

Saturday, October 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Poker Run

Saturday, December 1: Photos with Santa, Sunset Beach Waterfront Park

**Questions / Concerns? Just ask!**

You have chosen to be part of Paws-Ability. What are we doing this year that's of

interest to you? We need you to be involved, and your life will be richer for it!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

(Margaret Mead)