

Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society

Board of Directors Meeting November 14, 2016

Present: Melissa Andritz, Helene Chevalier, Amy Leach, Patrick McCarthy, Timm Otterson, Steven Schultz, Theresa Ryndak, Rebecca Wagner, Stephanie West, Nancy Fredrickson
Absent: Timm Otterson, Stephanie Wolf

The December meeting on the 13th will be the holiday social at Squire on Main in Snyder.

1. **Meeting Notes**

October meeting notes were approved.

2. **President's Report**

Items are covered under committee reports.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Current balance is the checking account is \$63,919.53. Last year at this time it was \$54,716.53. The difference is due primary to dues that have been received in a timely fashion. Only a handful of hospitals have not responded. Nancy will send Patrick a list and phone calls for follow-up should come from board members.
Still waiting for a few checks from Mini-Vet sponsors.

4. **Committee Reports**

Nominating Committee – Stephanie West, Timm

Gundula Dunne agreed to serve as the non-board member of the nominating committee. Timm is interested in running for a second three-year term. Alison O'Toole also has stepped forward. An additional spot is available for another candidate. If the committee doesn't have anyone by Saturday Nancy will send out election ballots along with holiday mailing.

PEF – Steve

Faces mosaic project was pushed back a bit but dog and cat notecards are now in production. Hospitals will receive an order form for the cards and other items (including tshirts, socks, leashes, etc.) that they can use to sell during the holidays.
Holiday solicitation mailing will go out between election day and Thanksgiving, with a follow-up post card between Christmas and New Years.
Three new board members have agreed to serve. None are veterinarians and the hunt is still on for any vets who may be interested.

Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa

This year's program went very well. More organization, ticket system made the event more professional, PEF focus was well received.

- Waiting for a few sponsors to send in checks. When final account is complete board will discuss donation to Medaille or other cause with some of the proceeds.

Explorers – Timm

- The 2017 registration is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 at Medaille. All area public and private high schools have been contacted. News releases have gone out, an AM Buffalo segment will discuss Explorers next Tuesday.

SPCA – Helene

- Helene reviewed parvo statistics over the past four years and how the SPCA clinics have impacted the areas.
- As of December 1 the SPCA will no longer have agents available from midnight to 8 a.m.
- Private tours of the new facility are being conducted. The NFVS is interested in visiting the new location if possible. Helene to look into this.

WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West

- The New York State society is revising its bylaws. Regionals will need to comply and likely change their bylaws as well.
- The state is recruiting new veterinarians to practice in upstate New York.
- A meeting with Gary Willoughby, new SPCA Director, is set for tomorrow.
- The WNYVMA made a donation on behalf of Melinda Burgwardt.

Health Department – Stephanie Wolf

- Rabies clinics are done for the year.

College Relations – Stephanie Wolf

- No report.

SMART – Stephanie Wolf

- No report.

Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick

- Program with Dr. Temple Grandin went well.
- A national Lap of Love representative will address the next Buffalo Academy meeting.

Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf

- Highpointe at Michigan is looking forward to participating with the NFVS again on both “adopting” children and the annual pet visit. This will take place on Tuesday, December 27 from 3:30 to 5 or so. Steve has invited “Santa” to join in the visit.

Dog Parks – Timm

- Ellicott Park unveiled a totem pole.
- A celebration of the mural paintings installation took place on Sunday.

Awareness – Melissa A.

- Nothing new.

New Members – Amy

A few new names have come in with dues assessments. A welcome luncheon will be held early next year.

Online Discussions – Timm

Ellicott Park art installation was announced. Also info on the “Lion in the Living Room” book.

Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West

Stephanie continues to post relevant items, including AM Buffalo segments.

Old Business

- ✚ Holiday social invitations, along with posters and flyers for the partnership with Highpointe at Michigan, will go out on Monday. An advance “save the date” email was sent to all NFVS members.
- ✚ Plans are well underway for the holiday social luncheon at Squire on Main. The board talked about activities at the luncheon this year. Decided on a guessing game of how many items are in containers with \$1 per guess with proceeds going to the PEF. In addition, Nancy will put together a trivia game.

New Business

- ✚ The NFVS has been asked to be a sponsor for the SPCA Opening Gala in January. They offered a \$1,000 tailored sponsorship as this is the usual amount that the NFVS has “traded” with the SPCA for PEF activities. The SPCA provided information on the \$2,000 sponsorship, which would give the NFVS a table for 10 at the event as well as other items. The board voted to support with a \$2,000 sponsorship. Attendance will be discussed in January.
- ✚ Nancy reported that one of the area hospitals has recently partnered with Meals on Wheels to provide pet food to those with pets who also receive MOW assistance. She is getting details and thought this might be a way to have all (or many) serve as donation sites next year.