

THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting, February 18, 2020, The Laurels of Walden Park, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229

In attendance

Board Members: RoseAnn Ballangee, Sue Godsey, Brenda Martin, Claudia Plumley, Karen Ramey, and Katie Thomas

Others in attendance: Executive Director Helen DeSantis, Jennifer Howell, and Linda Schellkopf

Meeting was called to order by RoseAnn Ballangee at 7:00 pm

Agenda Items / Points of Discussion

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Bequests
- Number of Board Members for 2020

Decisions and Reports

- **Consent Agenda was approved.**
- **Helen reported 83 adoptions in January and 72 cats were admitted to the shelter. Admissions to the shelter were lower than expected because of no show appointments. The American Association of Feline Practitioners recently released findings that FIV+ cats can safely mingle with unaffected cats in a shelter setting. Cat Welfare's management and medical teams are excited about this paradigm shift and will begin making this transition as appropriate. Currently about 13% of the cats in the shelter are FIV+. Process improvements include strengthening the inventory controls of gabapentin. Crime Cats Mystery Club held a kickoff party on January 20. A strong presence on Facebook generated nearly \$19,000 in donations in 2019. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 19, 2020 at LA Catering. Initiatives by the Nominating Committee to solicit potential candidates for Board positions in the 2020 election were discussed. The Board election will be held on May 19, 2020; applications due by March 13, 2020 (resumes are not required).**
- **On behalf of Steve Hebenstreit, Helen shared an update on bequests received in December 2019: \$48,652.66 distribution from Helen Lieblein Trust and \$5,000 from Timothy Mann Trust.**
- **A resolution was passed to set the 2020 Board membership at 6 members.**

Meeting was adjourned by RoseAnn Ballangee at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Martin