

THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting, January 21,2020, The Laurels of Walden Park, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229

In attendance:

Board members: Sue Godsey, Brenda Martin, Claudia Plumley and Katie Thomas

Others in attendance: Gail Harbert, Jennifer Howell and Linda Schellkopf

Absent: Helen DeSantis and Karen Ramey

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

Agenda Items/Points of Discussion

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Mary Jane Ryan
- 2020 Board Election

Decisions and Reports

1. Consent Agenda approved
2. Gail Harbert reported 103 adoptions occurred in December. Adoptions in 2019 were 1,128 compared to 1,039 in 2018, an increase of 9%. The annual cat count was conducted in January to ensure each cat in the shelter is properly recorded in Shelter Buddy, Cat Welfare's reporting system. An upturn in the adoption of FIV cats was discussed. A special edition of Cat Welfare's 75th Anniversary t-shirt is on sale at the shelter. A Valentine's Day event, sponsored by the Outreach Committee, will be held on February 15 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the shelter. Proceeds from recent events: Giving Tuesday, \$4,000; Christmas Bazaar and event sales at The Catique, \$3,400; Gift wrapping, just over \$2,000.
3. A motion was passed to honor Mary Jane Ryan for her long- term commitment and positive influence on The Cat Welfare Association. A memorial garden bench was discussed.
4. Members of the Nominating Committee for the 2020 election are: Helen DeSantis, Jennifer Howell, Karen Ramey, Karla Rinto and Linda Schellkopf. The decision to establish the number of Board of Director positions for the 2020 election was postponed until the February Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by RoseAnn Ballangee at 7:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Martin**