

**Cat Welfare Association
General Session
July 15th, 2014
Villa Angela Meeting Room
5700 Karl Rd, Cols, OH 43229**

Directors in Attendance- RoseAnn Ballangee, Brenda Martin, Larry Kingera, Cathi Eisley, Peggy Kirk, Sue Godsey, Steve Hebenstreit & Executive Director, Helen DeSantis.

*Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

A MOTION WAS PASSED to accept the Consent Agenda and the minutes from the meeting that was held on June 17th, 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*82 cats were adopted in June

*The cats seem to like the new condo style cages

*4 of the 5 kittens in the new FIV room tested negative on their 2nd test

*Once the 3 rooms at the north end of the building are painted, they will become a “no cats allowed” area in the shelter

*Most of the new office furniture has been installed

*The fire alarm system is almost complete

*A new Animal Care Technician has been hired

*We are still working with Sheakley in our search for an Operations Manager

*The Sheakey handbook has been recieved

*Research has identified Walmart to be the best overall provider for shelter supplies

*The report for The Bernard Foundation is being finalized

*A bid has secured to repair the clogged patio drainage system for \$5800(+/-) and the work will be completed by September 1st, 2014

A MOTION WAS PASSED to move forward with the repair of the patio drainage system

*A volunteer recognition event is in the works

*It was proposed that this year's Open House be held in 2 parts

1- An “invitation only” event to be held on September 4th

2- An “open to all” event to be held on September 14th

CAT SYMPOSIUM REPORT

*RoseAnn attended a “Cat Symposium” sponsored & hosted by HSUS and some corporate sponsors. She reported that it was very informative and enjoyable. She distributed a list of notes she took during the event.

*A short discussion took place as to how some of the ideas presented during the event could be utilized to the best advantage of Cat Welfare

ESTATES

Cat Welfare was included in the following during the month of June, 2014

- *\$71,326.56 from the Reva Smart trust. There may also be an additional bequest from her will, but that is not known at this time
- *\$37,780.72 from the Ruth Breslin trust
- *\$60,000 from the Margaret Buchanan trust. There may also be an additional bequest from her will, but that is not known at this time
- *\$50,000 from the estate of Nancy Casto Benson

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- *A successful Kitten Shower and small food drive took place
- *August is Homeless Animals Month & the fundraising committee is looking into partnering with other shelters to capitalize on any opportunities
- *Events for November & December, such as Giftwrapping and Photos With Santa are being planned
- *A short discussion took place about other possible money making ideas

TREASURER'S REPORT

- *Work will begin on the 2015 budget in the fall

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- *A plaque will be put on display to acknowledge and honor Marjorie Baker and The Joanie Bernard Foundation for their generosity that afforded Cat Welfare the opportunity to refit and remodel the shelter building. A short discussion to place as to the actual content to be used on the plaque.

GALLERY PARTICIPATION

- *A volunteer commented on how the new use of space, (specifically the more open spaces), appears to have improved the "attitude & disposition" of the cats. It was noted that some of the "long term residents" who used to confine themselves to certain areas of the shelter have been seen exploring parts of the shelter where they'd never been before, especially the sunroom and patio areas.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kingera
Recording Secretary
The Cat Welfare Association