**THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting, November 19, 2019, The Laurels of Walden Park, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229**

**In attendance:**

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

Others in attendance: Executive Director Helen DeSantis, Steve Hebenstreit, Jennifer Howell, Peggy Kirk and Treasurer Judy Vertikoff

**Absent:** RoseAnn Ballangee

**Meeting was called to order by Karen Ramey at 7:00 pm**

**Agenda Items/Points of Discussion**

* Consent Agenda
* Shelter Report
* New Member to the Finance Committee
* Christmas Bazaar
* Bequests

**Decisions and Reports**

1. Consent Agenda approved
2. Helen DeSantis reported that there were 101 adoptions in October; 941 year-to-date an increase of 10% compared to last year at this time. Jennifer Howell, Volunteer Coordinator, is now working full time with additional administrative responsibilities. Everyone’s help is needed in identifying sponsors for the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Cat Welfare will be soliciting donations for Giving Tuesday on December 3. Kudos to Judy Vertikoff, Treasurer, for her leadership in preparing the draft 2020 Budget.
3. Sue Godsey volunteered to serve as the second Board member on the Finance Committee.
4. Brenda Martin shared an update on the Christmas Bazaar. Just over $3,400 was raised from this event and event day sales at The Catique. Many thanks to the volunteers who provided baked goods and those who spent countless hours with event preparations.
5. Steve Hebenstreit provided an update of bequests since October 1, 2019: $145,804 from the Carol Jones estate; $25,000 partial distribution from the Frederick Tegtmeier Trust; $2,870 as an annuity beneficiary of Robert Miller; $50,566 annuity payment from Marty Montgomery; and $15,000 from the Horace R. Collins Trust.
6. There will not be a Board Meeting in December 2019.

**Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session by Karen Ramey at 7:23 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brenda Martin**