

## THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Board Meeting, September 17, 2019, 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 and Linda Schellkopf

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

### **Agenda Items/Points of Discussion**

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and New Business

### **Decisions and Reports**

1. **Consent Agenda for August was approved.**
2. **Helen DeSantis reported that there were 118 adoptions in August; 735 year-to-date. Audited 2018 Financial Statements were distributed to Board Members. Community Shares work day fairs for 2019 are underway and a rigorous application process for 2020 will begin soon. In 2018, donations through Community Shares were over \$59,000. Planning initiatives for the capital campaign are moving forward. One additional Board member is needed on the Finance Committee to fill the Bylaws' requirement. Board members were encouraged to volunteer for this open seat.**
3. **Helen reported on behalf of Steve Hebenstreit that there is a trust gift from Sandra Paul potentially in the amount of \$25,000 and a bequest from Martha Montgomery. A resolution was passed to allow Steve Hebenstreit to work on Cat Welfare's behalf with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and the Lincoln Financial Group concerning Martha Montgomery's bequest.**
4. **The number of cats in the shelter was discussed. Comparative data brought forward revealed the number of cats in the shelter is consistent with previous years.**
5. **Increasing adoptions is one of the Board's 2019 goals. Creative ways of marketing, particularly through social media were discussed. Katie Thomas will take the lead in working with the shelter on this initiative on a limited basis in September/October.**

**Meeting was adjourned by RoseAnn Ballangee at 8:17 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Martin**