

## **CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting – January 20, 2015, Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229**

### **In attendance:**

Board Members RoseAnn Ballangee, Brenda Martin, Peggy Kirk, Steve Hebenstreit, Sue Godsey, & Cathi Eisley. Also in attendance was Helen DeSantis.

### **Meeting was called to order at 7:00**

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

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Reminder to Committee Chairs re. procedures
- Estates

### **Decisions and Reports:**

1. **Consent Agenda approved.**
2. **Helen gave Shelter Report: 950 cats and kittens were adopted in 2014 compared to a record number of 978 in 2013. Jamie Hicks began work December 27 as Operations Manager, bringing a fresh perspective to our cat care. Dr. Danya Linehan will be our guest speaker at an event on March 22 for Cat Welfare members at Mozart's. An official cat count will take place at the shelter on February 5. Helen distributed the "Points of Pride," a listing of significant accomplishments in 2014 (copy attached).**
3. **It was reported that since the December meeting, we received a \$95,000 bequest from the estate of Sheldon G. Shore, and a \$15,000 distribution was received from the Helen Lieblein Trust.**

**MEETING ADJURNED at 7:48.**

**By February 1, the Board approved a nominating committee consisting of Helen Desantis as chair and including Penny Ellis, Sue Godsey, Julie Karovics, Peggy Kirk, and Brenda Martin.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Hebenstreit

**CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION  
POINTS OF PRIDE  
2014**

**IN KEEPING WITH OUR MISSION**

- **1100** cats/kittens admitted to the shelter
- **950** cats/kittens adopted
- **157** cats posted to Petfinder –approx. 80% cats posted to Petfinder were adopted. 2014 was the first year we received over 10,000 views in one month. Over 10,000 views each month Sept through Dec; 13,047 views in Dec
- Nearly **2,200** community cats altered through Cat Welfare's low cost spay and neuter program
- **223** community cats received emergency services paid from the Good Sam Fund
- Over **20,000** cans of food donated to other shelters, caretakers of cat colonies and owners in need of food for their cats
- Remodel completed in less than a year freeing up approximately 400 additional sq. ft. for our free roaming cats
- Space now available for our **shy cats** (cubbies to be installed later this month)
- **Kittens** have their own room
- Shelter is open to a limited number of **FIV and FeLV cats/kittens**
- **Isolation and Step Down rooms** positively impact cats' recovery
- Converting steel cages to **cat condos** improves cats' morale and living conditions
- Over 80 volunteers on grooming teams – over 90% of our cats are groomed or socialized every week (on average)

**AROUND THE SHELTER**

- Leaky **roof replaced**
- Inside of **shelter painted** - replaced rusted doors
- Fixed the **drainage system**

**PERSONNEL**

- Hired on-site vet, operations manager, volunteer coordinator; two animal care technicians replaced vacancies

**FINANCIAL** (Rounded to nearest \$100)

- **Grant – Good Sam** \$30,000
- **Legacies and Bequests** - \$880,000
- **Community Shares** - \$27,600
- **General Donations** - \$141,100
- **2014 Net Ordinary Income** - \$410,200

**OUTREACH**

- Expanded presence on **face book – 5,100 likes**
- Launched new **web site**
- First time **Art Show** a success
- **The Catique** reopened and grew client base – began making a profit in less than one year

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Updated **Bylaws**
- Received a donation of **25,000 cans** of food from Friskies

All this and we didn't miss a beat with on-going activities (**open house, kitten shower, food drive, cat nip toys, Cat Caper** etc.)

Achievements were possible because of the **generosity of our donors, commitment of members and volunteers, dedication of our staff, and the leadership of the Board.**