

CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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

In attendance:

Board Members: Peggy Kirk, Erik Diekmeyer, Sue Godsey, Steve Hebenstreit, Brenda Martin, and Anne Riley. Executive Director Helen DeSantis. Barbara Mann, RoseAnn Ballangee (ex-officio), and Cathi Eisley (ex-officio) were absent.

Others in attendance: Donna Calderone, Gail Harbert, Jamie Hicks, Melissa Meyer, Mary Jane Ryan, Linda Schellkopf, Lowell & Kathy Bishop.

Meeting was called to order by Peggy Kirk at 7:02pm

Agenda Items/ Points of Discussion:

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and New Business

Decisions and Reports:

1. **Consent Agenda was approved.**
2. **Helen reported that overall our cats are healthy and adoptions for 2015 are up 16% from last year at this time (782 adoptions September 2015 year-to-date compared to 671 adoptions September 2014 year-to-date.) An article about the availability of FIV cats for adoption went into the October newsletter. Three of the FIV kitties have been adopted so there is now room for three more. The 2016 budget is being worked on and a preliminary budget will be presented at the November Board meeting. 2016 calendars will soon be on sale. The Open House had an estimated 150-200 people attend. Approximately 70 people have signed up for the Volunteer Appreciation party.**
3. **Helen presented two proposals for construction of outdoor fence enclosures for the FIV and FeLV rooms. Each proposal includes the fencing and the cat access doors. The \$9693 proposal from Elford includes relocating the bushes and large trees. The \$6693 proposal from Elford involves cutting down the trees and leaving the bushes. Peggy moved that we accept the proposal to construct two cat enclosures and the bid of approximately \$6693. Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Helen will consult with Greenscapes, the company that donated some plant material to the renovated area, to see if they would like to come and remove the trees for them to use elsewhere.**
4. **Peggy moved that Helen authorize complimentary family memberships to all volunteers who are not Cat Welfare members. Steve seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Volunteers that receive the complimentary membership will be sent a renewal letter in one year for a paid membership.**
5. **Steve said the shelter has received the check for \$402,320.83 from Wilma Rose's estate.**
6. **No old business was discussed. In new business, the question was posed what the next big fundraiser for the shelter would be. Helen said nothing is on the schedule at the moment.**

Meeting was adjourned by Peggy Kirk at 7:18pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Riley