

Cat Welfare Association Board Meeting

15 January 2013 at Villa Angela

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Andrea, Brenda, and Erica were absent. Minutes from the December meeting were corrected to remove the sentence: "Any increases in staff salary will be merit based." It was noted that the board and Executive Director are working toward this in the future, but it will not be in place this year. Sheila asked about the depreciation expense in the financials. Helen stated that the Finance Committee needs to discuss this with the CPA. It was also noted that the board needs to receive the financial statements earlier and that this will also be discussed with the CPA. Cathi moved to accept the consent agenda, and Larry seconded the motion. The motion for the consent agenda, consisting of the financials, minutes, and Membership Committee report (see attached), was passed unanimously.

Board Candidate Presentations

Paul suggested that the scheduled board candidate presentations be postponed until the February board meeting due to a lack of members attending the January meeting. This would also place the candidates' presentations immediately before the election. In the course of the discussion, it was suggested that:

- The Nominating Committee write a piece about the election and provide a sample ballot. Anne will be asked to post these on the CWA website.
- The board post the election/board meeting information on the lobby screen before the February meeting. Julie Karovics agreed to post this information.
- The shelter send an email about the election to our email list. Gail will be asked to send out this email.
- Fliers about the election be posted and available at the shelter. Paul will put these at the shelter.
- More members would come to the meeting if the board followed its agenda more closely and practiced good time keeping. No action item was assigned at this time.

It was also suggested that the board look into allowing voting online or by absentee ballot. It was agreed that the board's By-Laws Committee, which will be formed after the election, will look into this after the election.

Larry moved to accept the proposal to move the candidate presentations to the February board meeting and Steve seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Paul stated that committee reports are due to the board quarterly. Paul passed out the Building and Grounds Committee Tracking Form and an estimate for new computer wiring at the shelter. (See attached.) Paul explained the need for building rewiring to ensure that the computer network is reliable. Sheila asked about getting more than one estimate for the work. Paul explained that the shelter has used the contractor in the past. Paul moved to accept the committee form and to authorize Evolution Integration Services, Ltd., to complete the rewiring, and Peggy seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 2 opposed (Sheila and Laura).

Marjorie Baker Estate

The board discussed the need to form a temporary committee to discuss the use of the Marjorie Baker estate monies to care for more cats. Paul made a motion to form a temporary committee to honor the request to care for and house more cats using the estate monies. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The following board members volunteered to sit on the committee:

- RoseAnn Ballangee
- Sue Godsey
- Steve Hebenstreit
- Larry Kingera
- Peggy Kirk

Steve moved that the members listed above be appointed to the temporary committee. Cathi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Modisette

Recording secretary for a day