

The Cat Welfare Association
Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Membership Meeting;
Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 7 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43214

In attendance:

Board Members: Heidi Garinger, Sue Godsey, Brenda Martin, Theresa Plummer, Katie Thomas

Absent: Karen Ramey

Others in Attendance: RoseAnn Ballangee, Kay Smith, Tommie Hannel, Cindy King, Bill Hout, Judi Lang, Linda Schellkopf, Susan Baker, Michelle Lanham, Will Horosz, Jennifer Howell, Paula Burluson, Marcie Lindner, Linda McAnley, Amy Borrer, Denson Parker, Judith Fisher, Steve Hebenstreit, Sharon Hebenstreit, Wilma Wabnitz, Anne Riley, Helen DeSantis

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Martin at 7 p.m.

Agenda Items/Points of Discussion

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Bequests
- Committee Reports
- Old and New Business
- Members Vote on Bylaws

Decisions and Reports

1. Consent agenda was approved.
2. Shelter Report
 - a. 322 cats have been adopted year to date with 428 cats admitted; this is a 37% and 33% decrease, respectively, compared to June 2019.
 - b. There are 319 cats in care - the same number as June 2019.
 - c. 1,333 altering surgeries have been subsidized; this marks a 75% increase over June 2019 year to date.
 - d. Volunteer orientations are happening at the shelter.
 - e. On-site mobile care is taking place again.
 - f. The 2020 audit will be completed on schedule in August.
 - g. Planning is underway for the Cat Caper on October 9 at Scioto Audubon Metro Park.
3. Bequests
 - a. Steve Hebenstreit provided an update on pending bequests.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Outreach/Fundraising: Events are coming back online.

- b. Nominating Committee: The deadline for Board applications will be September 10, with the application going live in August. The election will take place November 16 for 3 vacant positions.
 - c. Finance: Judy Vertikoff has resigned as treasurer effective at the end of August. A candidate has been proposed for the position. There are no concerns coming out of the audit.
- 5. Old and New Business
 - a. The Membership Committee is exploring what it means to be a member of Cat Welfare.
- 6. Members Vote on Bylaws
 - a. A task force, commissioned by Cat Welfare's Board of Directors, recommended Bylaw changes to help recruit Board members and to address issues identified through their review. Recommendations were approved by the Board of Directors in July 2020 and posted to Cat Welfare's website. Written comments were solicited and accepted through December 2020. The proposed Bylaw revisions were approved by CWA members at today's membership meeting.

Meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session by Brenda Martin at 7:38 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Katie Thomas**

