

THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL SESSION

VILLA ANGELA MEETING ROOM

APRIL 15TH, 2014

RoseAnn Ballangee welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

RoseAnn Ballangee asked that the consent agenda be approved. Motion was forwarded by Steve Hebenstreit, seconded by Larry Kingera and was passed.

Helen DeSantis reported that there were fifty-one (51) cats adopted in the month of March. She went on to report that the work team (Helen, RoseAnn Ballangee and Peggy Kirk) agreed they would recognize Dr. Mel as the expert on FIV and FeLV cats. The team agreed to rely on Dr. Mel's expert opinion to develop educational material and internal / external protocols for the care and treatment of FIV and FeLV positive cats.

Helen further reported that a company had been selected for the installation of the new security system and that the permit and installation process would take approximately sixty (60) days. She also reported that the new cages had been ordered for the newly constructed area. She went on to report that that Dr. Mel was now active and doing wellness checks on permanent residents. Dr. Mel will also assist in cage flow and selection. Helen also reported Dr. Mel's suggestions for the use and repurposing of select areas in the shelter to better benefit the cats and the shelter's operation. RoseAnn Ballangee suggested a work group to assist in this process.

Helen went on to report that the new website, while experiencing some "teething problems", was up and running and working well. Finally, she reported that the position of Operations Manager was posted on the shelter's Facebook page and was also advertised in The Columbus Dispatch, as well as other publications and that there are 15 applicants to date.

ESTATES- Steve Hebenstreit suggested that CWA investigate a process to provide for the cats of benefactors and that CWA actively promote the idea, but with caution. Helen suggested a case-by-case study.

BOARD VACANCIES- RoseAnn Ballangee suggested that the number of active seats on the Board of Directors be amended from 9 to 7. Cathi Eisley forwarded the motion, it was seconded by Larry Kingera and passed unanimously.

THE CATIQUE- Peggy Kirk reported that The Catique was doing well. She went on to suggest that CWA make a befitting gift to thank the person who donated the space. Several ideas were discussed, but no action took place at this time.

RENOVATION- Julie Karovics reported that the project came in on time and on budget. She also reported that the contractor was also doing some minor modifications to other parts of the shelter and that Elford offered a gift of \$1,000 to be used to landscape the outside of the shelter and that four Honorary Memberships were given to members of URS and Elford.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- RoseAnn Ballangee proposed a format for the recording of meeting minutes to include bullet points, resolutions, etc. A discussion took place about the process for recording resolutions.

Larry Kingera proposed that CWA sponsor a viewing of the movie, "The Paw Project", as a fundraising event and distributed copies of the movie to members of the Fundraising Committee for preview.

RoseAnn Ballangee adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE- RoseAnn Ballangee, Brenda Martin, Larry Kingera, Cathi Easley, Sue Godsey, Peggy Kirk, Steve Hebenstreit and Executive Director, Helen DeSantis.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kingera
Recording Secretary