

## **CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting April 18, 2017, Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229**

### **In attendance:**

Board Members: Peggy Kirk, RoseAnn Ballangee, Erik Diekmeyer, Steve Hebenstreit, Claudia Plumley, and Anne Riley. Executive Director Helen DeSantis. Absent: Treasurer Judy Vertikoff.

Others in attendance: Linda Schellkopf.

**Meeting was called to order by Peggy Kirk at 7:00pm**

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

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and New Business

### **Decisions and Reports:**

1. **Consent Agenda was approved.**
2. **Helen reported 75 adoptions in March and while slightly down the numbers are consistent with last year. The policy on holds for landlord checks will be discontinued April 19 and will only be done if something looks odd on the application. 42 kittens are in foster care at the moment. The shelter was awarded a \$1000 grant from the Ohio Pet Fund. The Crime Cats reading program will resume in May and run through September. FIV and FeLV cats are now being listed on Petfinder.**
3. **The Board approved the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for open Board seats at the May election via email voting on April 11. Candidates for the four open spots will be: RoseAnn Ballangee, Steve Hebenstreit, Claudia Plumley, Teresa Plummer, and Karen Ramey.**
4. **RoseAnn reported on an issue with a feral cat colony that currently lives near the shelter and is in danger from the Dixie buildings being torn down for construction of new apartments. There are 9-12 cats that need to be relocated and she asked for Cat Welfare's consideration in relocating them down the railroad tracks from their current home to outside of the shelter. RoseAnn stated there are volunteers currently taking care of the cats that will coordinate the relocation and will handle all care while they are temporarily housed outside (to get them accustomed to their new location) and after they are released so the staff does not need to be involved. Peggy Kirk motioned that we approve the transfer of the cats near the Volunteers of America building up to Cat Welfare and approve a budget of \$3000 to purchase temporary housing that can be reused. Claudia seconded the motion and it passed.**

**Meeting was adjourned by Peggy Kirk at 8:01pm.**

**Respectfully submitted, Anne Riley**