

CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting November 17, 2015, Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229

In attendance:

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

Others in attendance: Nancy Flanagan, Fred Mann, Danya Linehan, Donna Calderone, Gail Harbert, Jamie Hicks, Mary Jane Ryan, Linda Schellkopf, Julie Karovics, Doug Grotegeer, Nicole Schock, and Mary Hope.

Meeting was called to order by Peggy Kirk at 7:01pm

Agenda Items/ Points of Discussion:

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Upcoming Events
- 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 21% from last year at this time (147 adoptions in October 2015, a record month since 2010, and 929 year-to-date compared to 771 adoptions October 2014 year-to-date.) The FIV and FeLV outdoor enclosures should be up in about two weeks. The October 29 break-in at the shelter resulted in a total loss of \$740 (between loss of cash and replacing the window). Cash on site at the close of business will now be stored in the lock down room. The burglar has been caught and Jamie will be looking into getting glass breaks installed. The shelter received a \$30,000 grant from the All Life Foundation for the Joey's Good Sam Fund. The preliminary 2016 budget was distributed for review.**
3. **The shelter will have a decorated window in Magic Cruises as part of a month long fundraiser where people vote for the best window display among Old Worthington merchants. Votes cost \$1 and voting runs from November 29 through December 26. Gift wrapping will be occurring at various and numerous locations. Even though a site was secured for photos with Santa, the event was canceled for this year due to insufficient time to advertise.**
4. **In old business, the proposed Bylaws changes are already posted on the website and copies are available at the shelter. A notice about where to obtain copies and stating the January Board meeting date where the vote will occur will be in the December newsletter.**
5. **In new business, the question was asked as to where the Catique will be located in 2016. The lease at the current location continues into 2017. Mary Hope asked the Board to reconsider their decision on Paul Calderone's involvement with the shelter.**

Meeting was adjourned by Peggy Kirk at 7:16pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Riley