

CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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

In attendance:

Board Members RoseAnn Ballangee, Peggy Kirk, Steve Hebenstreit, & Cathi Easley. Also in attendance were Helen DeSantis and Jamie Hicks. Sue Godsey and Brenda Martin were absent.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Agenda Items/ Points of Discussion:

- Speaker: Rachel Finney, Executive Director, Capital Area Humane Society
- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Committee Chairs
- Estates
- Old and New Business

Decisions and Reports:

1. Rachel Finney spoke about the CAHS recent “Revision”, involving the offering of additional services and options to the public. The changes have resulted in increased adoptions and a drastic reduction in euthanasia, especially among cats. The adoption rate for cats has increased from 36% to 76% from September 2014 through January 2015 compared to the same five-month period the previous year.
2. The Shelter Report, Minutes, and Financial reports were approved.
3. Helen DeSantis reported that 85 cats were adopted in January, an increase of four over a year ago, and that cat population is down to 194 cats in the shelter and 38 in foster homes. A diarrhea-causing parasite was discovered in one of the shelter cats on February 7, resulting in the shelter being closed for just over a week, while other cats were being tested. So far 107 cats have been tested, with 12 testing positive for the parasite. Testing is in a hold position until cage space becomes available. The positive-testing cats are being isolated until they are cured. The healthy cats are eligible for adoption and will be kept in condos so they do not mingle with untested cats. As cats are adopted, cage space will free up so the rest of the population can be tested.
4. Cat Welfare is a beneficiary in the Estate of Norma Jean Gorsuch.

MEETING ADJURNED at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Hebenstreit