

## **CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting August 18, 2015, Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229**

### **In attendance:**

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

Others in attendance: Donna Calderone, Gail Harbert, Jamie Hicks, Melissa Meyer, Mary Jane Ryan, Linda Schellkopf, Nancy Flanagan, and Jeanne Masoni

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

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

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Communications with staff
- Old and New Business

### **Decisions and Reports:**

1. **Consent Agenda was approved.**
2. Helen reported that the shelter currently has 289 cats and kittens in the shelter and 58 in foster homes as of August 15. There were 131 adoptions in July with year to date adoptions up 10%. Two kittens that were recently admitted, and spent only 1 day in the shelter before going to foster care, died from panleukopenia. As a precaution everything is being bleached and the mother cat will be tested and quarantined. Dr. Linehan is working on documents with tips that help address issues that can lead to returns of adopted cats. 239 tickets have been sold for the "An Evening at the Africa Event Center" event.
3. Peggy advised if anyone has something they would like to request a staff member to do or if they have constructive criticism of a staff member that it be funneled through Helen.
4. Steve requested a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss items from the audit. He gave an update on the Sandra Ebert Trust and advised the Cat Welfare has been named a beneficiary of the Haycook Trust. Steve also reminded everyone that committees need to be approved by the Board yearly. Peggy will add the topic to the September agenda.
5. To follow up to items requested at the prior Board meeting, Peggy has ordered a small portable PA system for amplification that has two wireless microphones for use at any Cat Welfare meeting/event. The suggestion box is back in the foyer and Jamie is checking it.
6. Donna Calderone inquired if bylaw edit suggestions will be shared with the membership and if a side by side comparison of the current bylaws and proposed new version can be created. Suggested changes that are approved by the bylaws committee will be presented to the membership for comments prior to the vote along with a side by side comparison.

**Meeting was adjourned by Peggy Kirk at 8:03pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Anne Riley**