

The Cat Welfare Association Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 7 p.m.

Maple Grove United Methodist Church

7 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43214

In attendance:

- Board members: Jay Mathew, Brenda Martin, Lisa Strickland, Katie Thomas, Sue Godsey, Amanda Powell
- Others in attendance: Helen DeSantis, Gail Harbert, Jennifer Howell, Frank Berger, Steve and Sharon Hebenstreit

Board President Katie Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda/Points of Discussion:

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and News Business

Decisions and Reports

1. The consent agenda was approved
2. Executive Director Helen DeSantis provided the Shelter Report:
 - a. 62 cats were adopted in October - 611 YTD
 - b. IRS form 990 filed last week and will be posted to website shortly
 - i. Recognition of revenue vs direct expense – in 2022, 92 cents of every dollar was spent on cat care
 - c. Draft budget was submitted to the Board for approval
 - d. Black Cat Day at Druid was a big success - \$79 in donations - \$475 from Witches' Ball is earmarked for Capital campaign
 - e. 2024 calendars now on sale
 - f. All Critters in Grove City Veterinary Hospital is hosting a supply drive and a giving tree for CWA
 - i. Decorations were made by youth volunteers and QR code on ornament can be scanned to make donation or donors can choose to add money to their vet bill as a donation
 - g. Capital Campaign - \$20K matched since October 1
 - i. Social media and CWA newsletter driving donations
3. Old Business
 - a. No topics
4. New Business
 - a. Membership task force update – special guests to give history - Steve and Sharon Hebenstreit

- i. CWA memberships began in the 1940s. At the time, two boards, the Trustees and Directors, were established. They eventually merged.
 - ii. Membership has historically meant that members can vote on the board. The board in the past has determined benefits.
 - iii. There needs to be consideration of the membership structure and impact to the administrative team. As of right now, renewals can take place any time of the year.
 - iv. The bylaws in the past also had a treasurer as part of the board or a paid position.
- b. Resolution – Nov 21, 2023
- i. Motion to accept resolution Alice Kimbell estate

Katie Thomas adjourned to Executive Session meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Strickland

Recording Secretary