

The Cat Welfare Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7 p.m.
Maple Grove United Methodist Church
7 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43214

In attendance:

- Board members: Amanda Powell, Jay Mathew, Brenda Martin, Sue Godsey, Katie Thomas
- Others in attendance: Helen DeSantis, Gail Harbert, Anne Riley
- Board member not in attendance: Lisa Strickland

Board President Katie Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda/Points of Discussion:

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and News Business

Decisions and Reports

1. Amanda Powell was welcomed to the Board.
2. The consent agenda was approved.
3. Executive Director Helen DeSantis provided the Shelter Report.
 - a. Seventy-one cats were adopted in January; 8% more than last year.
 - b. The Capital Campaign is off to a great start. Promotional materials are being developed and potential donors contacted.
 - c. Lots of outreach activity has been taking place:
 - i. Attended the Tri Village Lions Club meeting.
 - ii. Invited to take a cat to Story Point Senior Living in Powell on a monthly basis.

- iii. Whetstone High School Key Club visited the shelter.
 - iv. Gays for Good volunteered at The Catique.
 - v. Ohio State Business students assembled shelters for outdoor cats.
 - vi. Beginning in March, the monthly on site spay and neuter mobile clinic will return.
- d. The Valentine's Day event raised \$300.

4. New Business

- a. Officers were elected:
 - i. President: Katie Thomas
 - ii. Vice President: Jay Mathew
 - iii. Secretary: Brenda Martin
- b. The Board reviewed a strategic plan outline centering around three strategic priorities: sustainable future, continued growth and increased engagement. Discussion took place around the pillars. The Board will provide feedback for the next meeting.
- c. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month with the Dinner taking place. May will be the Members' Meeting, which the Board decided to have as a mixer and mingle event. The bylaws will be voted on there.
- d. Committee Updates:
 - i. The Capital Campaign is off to a great start. Board members were encouraged to send names of potential donors.
 - ii. The Grants Committee will review and bring updates on opportunities to the next meeting.

Katie Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Thomas
President