<u>The Cat Welfare Association</u> <u>Board Meeting 9/16/2014</u> <u>General Session</u> <u>Villa Angela Meeting Room</u> 5700 Karl Rd, Columbus, OH

Directors present were Roseann Ballangee, Brenda Martin, Larry Kingera, Cathi Eisley, Sue Godsey, Steve Hebenstreit & Peggy Kirk

Brenda presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

• The consent agenda was passed

SHELTER DIRECTORS REPORT

*Overall adoptions were down compared to this time in 2013, but it was noted that there were already 80 adoptions in the first 2 weeks of Sept, 2014 and things were looking up

*A list of adoption fees from other shelters in the area was passed out

*A short discussion took place

*The grooming team is grooming 205 (+/-) cats per week

*Surplus food has been distributed to all organizations suggested at the Aug,2014 meeting

*To date, \$10,000 has been raised for the cat condos

*There was positive feedback from the open house

*\$4,000 (+/-) was raised from the quilt raffle

*The Catique and their volunteers were a great help at the open house

*\$300 was raised from the home & garden show

*It was noted that participating in events such as the Home & Garden show and also with organizations such as the Clintonville Chamber Of Commerce were good ways of keeping Cat Welfare's name active and positive in the community

*A "meet & greet" type event is in the planning phase for October to show appreciation for our volunteers. A bigger event is planned for April, 2015

*The 2014 Cat Caper is expected to not be as successful as in past years

*Elford is helping to select a roofing contractor at no charge (for bidding process)

*A short discussion took place

*The 2014 audit is almost complete

THE CATIQUE

*Peggy reports that The Catique is doing well and credits the volunteers for that

FUNDRAISING

*A very busy month is predicted

*Sept 26, 2014 will be the "Cat's Meow" art sale

*"Photos With Santa" and gift wrapping times and locations are in the planning stage *Kitty Puzzles are available for \$10 each. The cats from the CWA calendar are available. Special orders will also be available.

ESTATES

*We received \$30,087 from the Columbus Foundation

- *We also rec'd 2 smaller bequeaths in the amounts of \$857 & \$826
- *We also rec'd \$24,000 from the family of Helen Porter. All of her cats were from CWA

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Someone went to Gail about errors in the 5K brochures. It was made clear that all such issues are to be addressed with Helen in the future.

*A discussion took place about cleaning protocols for back isolation and the FIV/FeLV rooms- **This statement was amended to say that the protocols were also aimed at who is authorized to enter the FIV & FeLV rooms**

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM GALLERY

*Someone asked a question about current adoption fees not matching the prices listed in the CWA brochures and on the website. Helen advised they will be corrected *Someone suggested that "Prices & Paperwork" are the 2 largest impediments to the adoption process- **This statement was amended to state that the entity that asserts that "Prices & Paperwork are the 2 largest impediments to the adoption process" is an organization out of the state of Utah known as "Best Friends"**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 PM