

**THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 16, 2022 | 7:00 PM**

**Maple Grove United Methodist Church**  
**7 W Henderson Rd, Columbus, OH 43214**

**In attendance:**

- Board Members Amy Borrer, Sue Godsey, Brenda Martin, Jay Mathew, Lisa Strickland, Katie Thomas
- Others in attendance: Helen DeSantis, Jennifer Howell, Anne Riley

Board President Katie Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**Agenda Items/Point of Discussion:**

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and New Business

**Decisions and Reports:**

1. The consent agenda was approved.
  
2. Executive Director Helen DeSantis provided the Shelter Report:
  - 69 cats were adopted in July; adoptions are now 8% above last YTD
  - 43 cats and kittens were abandoned outside the shelter on July 15 and are in various stages of the adoption process.
  - Working on 2021 external audit, should be completed by end of August
  - The shelter is working with the West Jefferson mayor's office to create a spay/neuter initiative
  - Opportunities are starting to open up to visit workplaces through Community Shares of MidOhio; the first is scheduled for Aug 24
  - Cat Caper 5K has 20 sponsors, numerous raffle items, and 122 people registered to participate
  
3. New Business
  - Board President Katie Thomas reviewed the results of the Volunteer Survey. The Member Survey is still open and receiving responses.
  - The Board reviewed suggested edits to the CWA Bylaws from the Bylaws Task Force. Board Members will review the suggested edits, which will be on the agenda for the October 2022 meeting.
  - Executive Director Helen DeSantis reviewed the timeline for the upcoming Board election. Board Members Amy Borrer, Jay Mathew, and Lisa Strickland's terms are expiring. The Board will appoint Nominating Committee at next meeting & decide on number of Board Members for next year. The mail-in election will be on January 20, 2023.
  - Outreach Committee Update: the shelter's open house will be at noon on Sunday, August 21.
  - Board Member Jay Mathews updated the Board on TAHO, which will be suspending its feral cat TNR program on Oct 1, impacting the shelter's spay/neuter voucher program.

Board President Katie Thomas adjourned the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Borrer  
Recording Secretary