

The Cat Welfare Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 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, Lisa Strickland, Katie Thomas
- Others in attendance: Helen DeSantis, Gail Harbert, Steve Hebenstreit, Frank Berger
- Board member not in attendance: Sue Godsey

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. The consent agenda was approved
2. Executive Director Helen DeSantis provided the Shelter Report:
 - a. 56 cats were adopted in March, 190 YTD
 - b. Scheduling feral cats for spay/neuter continues to be a challenge due to shortage in veterinarians specializing in high volume spay and neuter surgeries
 - i. Amanda asked if we should consider including a medical space in the expanded shelter
 - ii. Merits additional conversation
 - c. Expecting an estimate on replacing front door

- d. Staff creating 3 raised beds at the south end of the shelter to grow catnip for catnip toys
- e. Jennifer Howell will oversee The Catique and provide administrative support for the staff
- f. On site spay and neuter clinic on April 26
- g. 51 volunteers attended at the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, very successful
- h. Girl Scouts are coming on May 3 to tour the shelter
- i. Spanish Bowl food truck at the shelter May 3, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- j. New t-shirts are on sale
- k. Accepting cat calendar entries through June 30

3. New Business

- a. A resolution was approved granting Steve Hebenstreit authority to act on behalf of The Cat Welfare Association concerning the estate and trust of Barbara Nelson
- b. Lisa Strickland elected Board Secretary replacing Brenda Martin
- c. By-Law changes were reviewed based on feedback from a member
 - i. Determined no additional changes needed
 - ii. Bylaws will be voted on at May Members meeting on May 16
- d. May Members Meeting agenda discussed
 - i. Meet and Greet at Mozart's
 - ii. Financial Reports
 - iii. Updates on Capital Campaign
- e. Committee Updates:
 - i. Grants – Helen reviewed 12 possible grants and identified ones with potential
 - ii. Capital Campaign

1. Q1 – over \$50k raised
2. Contacts with potential donors continue

Katie Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Strickland
Secretary