

The Cat Welfare Association
Board of Directors/Members Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 7 p.m.
Mozart's Café Meeting Space
4784 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

In attendance:

- Board members: Amanda Powell, Jay Mathew, Brenda Martin, Lisa Strickland, Sue Godsey
- Others in attendance: Helen DeSantis, Gail Harbert, Frank Berger, various CWA Members
- Board member not in attendance: Katie Thomas

Board Member Jay Mathew called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Agenda/Points of Discussion:

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Capital Campaign Updates
- Old and New Business

Decisions and Reports

1. The consent agenda was approved.
2. Executive Director Helen DeSantis addressed members:
 - a. Welcome all to Members' Meeting
 - b. 2022 Highlights shared
 - c. Through April 2023
 - i. 255 cats/kittens cared for daily (on average)
 - ii. 298 cats/kittens incoming

- iii. 246 adoptions
- iv. 558 cats altered through altering programs
- d. Looking forward, we're committed to our mission and working toward implementing our strategic plan
 - i. Shelter expansion
 - ii. Create a sustainable future by looking for opportunities to increase income
 - iii. Increase engagement and awareness of CWA throughout Central Ohio
 - iv. Attract new members and volunteers

3. Financials – Frank Berger

- a. Financial transactions are processed in-house.
- b. Local CPA firm reviews monthly transactions and issues a financial statement for Board review.
- c. An independent CPA firm audits all financial transactions, prepares annual financial reports, and files IRS form 990.
- d. 2021 audit – no adverse items, 2022 audit will start this summer.
- e. 2022 net income exceeded budget.

4. Capital Campaign – Helen DeSantis

- a. \$3 million dollar campaign largest fundraising effort in Cat Welfare's history!
- b. Expansion to address current needs, help more cats, create space for emergency situations and special needs cats, more visitation areas, educational space for pet advocacy, space for critical supplies, and position CWA to continue to remain a safety net for homeless, abused, and abandoned felines.
- c. Architectural firm hired in 2016 to create a schematic design for the new addition.
- d. Began raising seed money in 2019. Official kick off 2023, one-time donations and pledges so far \$1.44 million

- i. Continue to raise money.
 - ii. Focus on programmatic design.
- 5. Reviewed the proposed By-Law changes.
 - a. Members voted unanimously to adopt the modifications.
- 6. New Business - none

Jay Mathew adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.