

**THE CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 15, 2022**

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

MINUTES

In attendance:

- Board members: Amy Borrer, Sue Godsey, Jay Mathew, Katie Thomas
- Others: Helen DeSantis, Jennifer Howell, Anne Riley, Linda Schellkopf

Absent: Brenda Martin, Lisa Strickland

President Katie Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Agenda Items/Points of Discussion

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and New Business

Decisions and Reports:

1. The Consent Agenda was approved.
2. Shelter Report:
 - There were 66 adoptions in Feb 2022, a 17% increase from Feb 2021.
 - Staff have been participating in educational opportunities, including online lectures.
 - Emmy's Litter League launched in March to offset increased litter costs: received \$8,600 already.
 - Community Shares of MidOhio: the shelter's fundraising video has been uploaded; it's the only one from an animal organization.
 - The shelter will resume Crime Cats this spring.
 - The shelter will be hosting Nomad Mobile Spay & Neuter monthly from May through August.
 - Upcoming activities: table at Captivating Canines (March 19), food truck fundraiser at shelter (March 23).
3. Old Business
 - The shelter will be providing a behind-the-scenes tour for Board members; dates will be forthcoming.
 - Board members provided their completed commitment documents.
4. New Business
 - April is Volunteer Appreciation month.

- Committee updates
 - Outreach Committee: met informally, decided they may want to combine this committee's work with other efforts; considering hosting an open house primarily outside during the summer
 - Development Committee: held first meeting, decided to pursue a grant from the Kenneth Scott Charitable Foundation; first step in application process is a Letter of Inquiry, due in April.
- Board President Katie Thomas and Executive Director Helen DeSantis worked on surveys for members, donors, and adopters.
- Jay Mathew made a video about how to make houses for feral cats, for the shelter's public education efforts.

Board President Katie Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm to Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Borrer
Recording Secretary