

## **CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the General Meeting – May 17, 2016, Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229**

### **In attendance:**

Board Members: Peggy Kirk, Erik Diekmeyer, Sue Godsey, Steve Hebenstreit, Barbara Mann, Brenda Martin, Anne Riley, and RoseAnn Ballangee (ex-officio). Executive Director Helen DeSantis. Absent: Cathi Eisley (ex-officio).

Others in attendance: Donna Calderone, Mary Jane Ryan, Linda Schellkopf, Nancy Flanagan, Jeanne Masoni, Julie Karovics, Susanne Canale, Sharon Hebenstreit, Petie Baird, Gale Markus, Meghan Albright, Wilma Wabnitz, Fred Mann, Marty Montgomery, Emily Petsche-Irwin, Claudia Plumley, Rita Burns, Jennifer Parker, Sheila Zirkle, Nancy Hile, Penny Ellis, William Hout, and Gail Harbert.

**Meeting was called to order by Peggy Kirk at 7:01pm.**

### **Agenda Items/ Points of Discussion:**

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Presentations by Board Candidates
- Election of Board Members
- Old and New Business

### **Decisions and Reports:**

1. **Consent Agenda was approved.**
2. **Helen reported that adoptions through April 2016 were 424. She also provided a summary of 2015 accomplishments for the audience that included: the cat condo campaign raising \$79,000, Cat Welfare's 70 year anniversary, the installation of the all season room's heating and air conditioning capabilities, permanent cubbies in the shy cat room, the creation of educational materials and the adoption process for FIV cats, the installation of outdoor enclosures for FeLk and FIV cats, and 1186 cats being adopted in 2015 (236 more than in 2014).**
3. **Presentations were made by Board candidates RoseAnn Ballangee, Susanne Canale, Erik Diekmeyer, Peggy Kirk, Barbara Mann, Claudia Plumley, and Anne Riley.**
4. **Members voted for up to 6 Directors via private ballot, the votes were counted, and Helen announced the election of the following six Directors: RoseAnn Ballangee, Erik Diekmeyer, Peggy Kirk, Barbara Mann, Claudia Plumley, and Anne Riley.**
5. **Barbara provided a Catique update and thanked Peggy for her leadership in getting the Catique set up at the current location. Barbara reported that expenses were down and that she is looking at ways to increase volunteers and the customer base.**
6. **Steve reported that Cat Welfare received \$46,684.55 from the Helen J. Gay Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust.**
7. **Peggy and the Board thanked retiring Board members Sue Godsey and Brenda Martin.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Anne Riley**