

Portage Lake Association Board Meeting:

MINUTES November 4th 2009

Our Mission: *We have a common goal of improving the quality of life in the Onekama area.*

Board Member:

George Punches, President
 Chuck Reed – Vice President
 Barb Wolverton – Treasurer
 Mary Reed – Secretary
 Roger Cody – Past President

Board of Directors/1yr

Eric Beeman
 Doug Calloway

Board of Directors 2/yrs

Jim Simons
 Dave Combs
 Frank English

Order of Business	Person Responsible	Report/discussion	Action Plan
Call to order	George Punches President		07:00:00 PM
Introductions	George Punches	All board members present except Roger Cody and Doug Calloway. Also present: Lee LaFleur, Linda English, Jewelee Franklin, Jeff Sternberger, Mary & Bill Fairgrieve	Mary to be sure to add email addresses to list.
Secretary's Report	Mary Reed	Minutes were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Spelling was corrected from Fairchild to Fairgrieve. Dave moved, Frank seconded to approve October minutes.	Motion carried
Treasurer's report	Barb Wolverton	Treasurer's report: Eric agreed with Barb's recommendation that we stop the fund raising for the sign. Consensus of the board was that the PLA will pay the remaining amount as planned. Dave Combs noted that the Township still might pay for some of the costs.. Dave Meister requested a breakdown of the expenses be sent to the Township. Frank moved, Eric seconded, the Treasurer's report be approved. Barb also handed out a report from the Michigan Great Outdoors Conference which she attended	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barb to send breakdown of the costs of the sign to Dave Meister Supervisor Township Board. 2. Treasurer's report accepted. 3. Report filed with secretary's minutes
President's report	George Punches	The new slate of offices has been elected. 38 ballots were cast. George highlighted some of the items in his report (attached). There were 2 great articles in the Advocate on PLA activities. 1. Retreat will be held December 7th .The Connie Gruen family memorial has donated \$460 to date toward the welcome signs. 2. Joe Aushier, an honorary member of the PLA passed away and donated \$50 to the PLA. Moved by Frank, seconded by Jim that w donate this to the Onekama Boy Scout Troop #63. Don Burkel memorial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. George will ask Dan Behring to be the facilitator for the retreat. 2. Motion passed. Donation will be sent to the Onekama Boy Scout Troop #63

		<p>donation is to go to the lake. Suggested that “Clean Boat, Clean Lake” signs be put up at the Village and DNR boat launches.</p> <p>4. Townline has donated another \$500 to the sign.</p> <p>5. George and Margaret will not be at the December meeting.</p>	<p>3. George will check with the family. Plaque in his honor would be on the sign. Mary will check into costs and getting permission from the Village and MDNR.</p> <p>4. Thank you notes sent by Barb?</p> <p>5. Chair for the December meeting will be Chuck, Barb or Mary.</p>
Love INC	Kim Petersen	<p>Kim did a short presentation on Love INC Several people were not aware of what they do for people in need. PLA mission is to improve the quality of life in Onkama area so we have some common goals. There are #150 people who are homeless in Manistee county. Love Inc is working on providing safe harbor for the homeless</p>	
Committee Reports			
Fall Festival	Jeff Sternberger	<p>Weather was good until about 11:30 then it turned cold and windy. Some crafters left early. There was a nice variety of about 30 crafters..</p>	
Newsletter	Margaret Punches	<p>The November newsletter was just distributed. There were 4 newsletters in 2009 – February, May , August and November. There are now ads in the newsletter and Anne Johnston has been selling ads. They are \$30 each, 4/\$100 or 5/\$125. The mailings cost \$837 and we received \$710 in ads. Michelle at Pioneer Press has been very helpful with layout. We mail about 1800 each time.</p>	
Celebration of Lights	Jewelle Franklin	<p>Everything is set and posters are being distributed. Crafters will be there from 9-1PM, Chile cook off is 2 to 5and the Celebration of Lights will be at 6PM. There is no charge for craft booths this year, but will consider \$15 charge for next year. May consider moving it to the school next year. There will be prizes given for categories of chilie.</p>	<p>Jewelle to check on sending a flyer home with the elementary children</p>
Winter Festival	George Punches	<p>We do not have a PLA chair for this event but several people will work on it. Eric will do the bonfire, Doug Calloway and George Pipenski will organize fishing</p>	

		contest. Boy scouts and other organizations will also work on it. There may be a Lions' breakfast and, Shay's is having a Comedy night,. Other ideas are: ice shanty contest, races, ice skating on the tennis courts etc. The event is scheduled for Jan 16 & 17 th and the Manistees Convention Visitors Bureau will use \$1000 for advertising.	
Website	Eric Beeman	No report	
Membership	Roger Cody	No report	
Concerts in the Park	Margaret Punches	Margaret reviewed costs for a used portable stage. We will start with 3 4x8 sections and can add more if needed. Easy set up if stored in pavilion or could cover with a tarp. Electrical will be separate and the village may be able to improve the electrical..	
OLD BUSINESS:			
Review President's letter		See attached	
Copier	Barb Wolverton	Barb provided cost estimates for a copier. (attached.) It was decided not to purchase one at this time. Working toward "paperless" newsletters and communications. Send minutes/reports by email.	If people have copying costs they should turn these bills into the treasurer.
New Business	George	Discussion on the new auditorium at the high school. We should investigate having a spring concert there. It can also be the backup for rain.	George will talk to Kevin Hughes. A PLA concert at the school would also show off the new facility.
Meeting adjourned	George Punches	08:45:00 PM	
Submitted by	Mary Reed		