

Portage Lake Association Board Meeting: **MINUTES** December 1, 2010

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

Board Member:

Margaret Punches, President
 Lee LaFleur – Vice President
 Barb Wolverton – Treasurer
 Mary Reed – Secretary
 George Punches – Past President

Board of Directors/1yr

Frank English
 Mary Fairgrieve
 Paul Mueller

Board of Directors 2/yr

Jim Simons
 Vicki Strevey

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Order of Business	Person Responsible	Report, or <i>To do Plan</i>	Action steps
Call to order	Margaret Punches, President	All board members and officers were present except Vicki Strevey. Also present: Roger Cody, Al Taylor, Jewelee Franklin, Mary Lynn Burchard, Mike Rowlson, Jeff Sternberger, Judy Blackmore, Bill Fairgrieve, Linda English Jane Mueller, Chuck Reed, Sheila Heiser, Doug Callaway	Margaret called the meeting to order at 7PM..
Secretary's report	Mary Reed	Minutes were distributed by email. George Punches moved minutes be accepted as corrected, Frank English seconded. Minutes approved. Newly elected board members email addresses will be added to the list. Bill Fairgrieve, Mary Lynn Burchard, Al Taylor, and Sheila Heiser.	Minutes to be posted on Onekama.info website.
Treasurer's Report	Barb Wolverton	No treasurer's report for this month.	
President's Report	Margaret Punches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee chairs are to submit their budget information to Margaret by January 5th, 2011. 2. Invitations to the PLA Retreat on December 13th were distributed. 3. 10 prints of Porrtage lake have been purchased. They are available at Macbeth's. 4. It is too late to offer a reward for the damage done to the scarecrows. Next year we will try to organize a quicker response if we have damage and also plan to be pro active and organize a community watch. 5. We still have 5 of the 20 signs missing from the Fall Festival and Jeff is continuing to try to locate these 	
Website	Roger Cody	The committee met with Sarah on the redesign of the website. The village will pay \$600, Township \$750 and Watershed \$150 per year for costs. Hosting charge will be waived for the PLA. Cost will probably be about \$30 for the 50-60 partners. Contact person is sarah@mscreativeservices.com.	
Newsletter	Mary Fairgrieve	Articles for the February Newsletter are due to Mary by January 15th. Response from Arcadia to receiving the newsletter is very positive.	
End of Summer Dinner/Dance	Jeanne Fitzgerald, Faye Backie	The date is September 16th, 2011 at the Portage Point Inn. .	
Fund Raiser	Al Taylor	June 18th is the date for the 2011 Fundraiser. "It's only rock and roll, but I like it" will be the theme for the 2011 event Budget will be ready by January. There are 7 committees. Plan to have 2 outside raffles and food raffle tickets. Next meetings are Jan. 4th and 18th at 12:30 at the Alpine. Trying to get more underwriters.	
Banners/ and Christmas decorations	Chuck Reed	Chuck is working to have timers with photo switches connected to about 14 lights. He reported that he is continuing to work on issues with all the lights. He has contacted Schepplmann's Electric about the problems with the old boxes. The date to take down the lights will be after the Winter Fest. There are lease options for lights that could	

		be explored,, but since these are ours and they are paid for, leasing does not seem to be a good option. He will contact the service to be sure that the Christmas trees are more uniform and will request that they are all white if that is what the board decides.	
Winter Fest	Barb Wolverton, Doug Callaway	Doug report that the event will be held January 15 and 16th. Saturday will be ice fishing contest, bonfire in the park, cooking hot doge, ice rink, golf driving contest and other activities. Awards ceremony at 2PM on Saturday at Shay's Restaurant. Sunday will be activities at Douglas Valley. Lions will have a breakfast on Sunday morning.	
Celebration of Lights	Jewelee Franklin. Judy Blackmore	The event was a great success. Most of the rafters were pleased and the Boy Scouts made a net of \$492. The churches did very well with their bake sales. Julie was able to collect all the signs.	
Petunia Parade	Tammy Messner		
Scarecrows	Marilyn Acker		
Concerts in the Park	George Punches	2011 Concerts will be finalized in January and February.	
Fireworks	Paul Mueller	No report.	
New Business:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Manistee Chamber of Commerce presented a certificate to the PLA at their annual banquet for being nominated for the 2010 Manistee Action Award for Community Service. George and Margaret Punches attended and received the certificate.. Blarney Castle received the 2010 award. 2. The canopy provided by Frank English for the Celebration of Lights was badly damaged by wind. Frank will provide information on the cost of replacement or repair to the board at our next meeting. 3. Margaret read a letter from Kevin Hughes stating the Onekama received a grant for the Safe Route to School program. The board voted to support the program. 	
Old Business:		Jane Putney Memorial. Because of all the help Jane has given us for the petunias, Frank English moved, Mary Reed seconded that we contribute \$50 to her Memorial Fund. Roll call vote. Motion carried.	
Adjournment		8:30 PM.	
Minutes submitted	Mary Reed		