

# PLA Monthly Regular

## Board of Director's Meeting November 5, 2014

**OUR MISSION:** *The Portage Lake Association is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to making the Portage Lake Area a great place in which to live, play and stay.*

**Officers:**

Al Taylor - President  
 Diane Bess - Vice President  
 Evie McNeil - Treasurer  
 Faye Backie - Secretary  
 Margaret Punches – Past President

**Board of Directors**

Frank English, Paul Mueller  
 Leann Burger, Sheila Heiser  
 Barb Wolverton, Bruce Peabody  
 Nikki Torrey, Jean Capper  
 Jennica Mathieu, Cynthia Kadzban

**Committee Heads**

Jon Phillips, Marilyn Acker  
 Jeff Sternberger, Chuck Reed  
 Mary Reed, Jewelee Franklin  
 George Punches, Barb Wolverton  
 Roger Cody, Pat Pomaranski

### Minutes

Order of Business	Person Responsible	Report, or <i>To Do</i> list	Action Plan
Call to Order, Introductions	Taylor	Attending – Taylor, Bess, Backie, M. Punches, Mueller, Burger, Heiser, Capper, Kadzban, Sternberger, Pomaranski, and G. Punches. Guest: Susan Halloran. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00.	
Committee Directory	Taylor	Still waiting for committee member's names for Christmas in Onekama and Tapestry committee. Need budget from Tapestry committee, too.	Confirm your committee members and budget with Taylor.
Secretary's Report	Backie	Backie reminded the group that a vote was needed on September minutes which had been reviewed at last meeting. Capper made a motion to accept the minutes; Burger seconded. The October minutes were presented. There were no changes or corrections. M. Punches made a motion to accept; Bess seconded.	September and October minutes were accepted by the Board.
Treasurer's Report	Taylor for McNeil	Backie made a motion to accept the September minutes, discussed at the last meeting. Capper seconded. Taylor noted that there is \$5K in reserve for the Langland Park upgrade, if the grant is successful. It appears we will be \$12,000 to the good this year. M. Punches made a motion to accept the Oct. budget; Bess seconded.	The September and October budgets were accepted by the Board.
Petunia Parade	Phillips/Acker	Wrap up done. The water wagon has to be cleaned. The committee is getting the bid requests ready. Bills are all paid, including payment to Bobby G. for watering.	
Newsletter	Fairgrieve	Backie reported for Fairgrieve. The winter issue deadline is December 15 <sup>th</sup> . Jean Capper has graciously accepted the editorship and will work with Fairgrieve to make the transition. Burger noted that she will have a piece for the next issue.	
Fundraiser	Taylor	Taylor stated that he, Bess and Wolverton will get together at the end of the month to begin planning. The \$500 down payment will be made to the Casino to secure the date.	
Website	Cody	Taylor reported that he received a call from one of the principals at Camp Tosebo. Their concern was that PLA was favoring Portage Point Inn because we've been reporting on progress in repairs and reopening on the web site. Taylor explained that it's because it's a major	Taylor will follow up with Camp Tosebo to help promote them on the Onekama.info web site.

		business/employer in the area. He noted that we'd be happy to promote Camp Tosebo, too. He'll have further discussions with them.	
Membership	Wolverton	No report.	
Lake Issues, Explore the Shores	M. Reed, M. Punches	Taylor reported that the Watershed has made a proposal to the Conservancy to protect the "crescent", M-22Grill to Feldhak Park, with conservation easements which would reduce property taxes for owners as well as protect the property for future enjoyment. They plan to identify other shoreline properties that might also be conserved.	
Banners and Christmas Decorations (part of Christmas in Onekama)	C. Reed/Taylor	Taylor asked if the Board members were OK with selling refurbished banners for \$100. He has several people who would like to purchase them. It was noted that we had set a precedent and Members agreed that it was OK to sell the banners.	Pomaranski will make sure that the lighting of the street decorations will be coordinated with the lighting of the community tree.
Fall Festival	Sternberger	J. Sternberger reported that, thanks to good weather, Fall Festival went well. There were 28 vendors, which brought in \$470. Sternberger said he's thinking of increasing the vendor cost to match what is charged for Christmas in Onekama. There was \$653 in costs for Rockin' R Stables and the Jumping Castle. Susan Halloran reported that the Scarecrow Contest was successful. 314 food items and \$123.96 were collected. This will provide food for 75 families. The Food Bank was very pleased. There were 49 scarecrows in the contest. Winners were: 1 <sup>st</sup> place - Congregational Church, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Fire Dept., 3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Patriotic Lady. Cost of the contest was less than \$20. For next year: need to get deadline information out sooner, as the OCS classes didn't get their scarecrows done in time for the judging.	
Winter Fest	Taylor	Jaimie Meister is working on the event.	
Concerts	G. Punches	G. Punches noted that all the concerts except the last one are set. Still looking for a country-western group. Also waiting to hear from Lee LaFleur about a July date being held for the guitarist he's proposed.	
Facebook Pages	Taylor	Taylor reported that the Facebook pages are going well.	
Onekama Scholarships	Burger	Burger said that she hasn't heard from the second student. Torrey was going to follow up but Burger hasn't heard from her yet. If the student didn't enroll for fall semester/term, it's possible that he will enroll in the spring and can use the scholarship then.	
Publicity	Backie	Backie reported that she's working on PR for Christmas in Onekama.	
Onekama Days	Taylor, Szilvagy, Peabody, English, Mueller	Taylor noted that the spaghetti dinner fireworks fund raiser will be held on Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> at the Lions' Den. Haven't heard from the Lions.	
Christmas in Onekama	Pomaranski, Fairgrieve, Franklin, Sternberger	All set with the trees for Onekama Originals. Boy Scouts will help set up on Friday at 6:00pm and Saturday 7:30am and again at 3:30 for take down.	
Old Business	Burger	OCS Test Prep - Burger and one other person are working with students, helping them to prepare for the ACT test. OCS (Torrey) would also like to have volunteers help students with homework. Torrey will send out a call.	
New Business	Taylor	OCS Student College Visitation - Taylor asked Board members to vote on the OCS student	PLA Board members voted to provide \$400 to OCS for

		college visitation presented at the September meeting. Capper made a motion that PLA provide \$400 to enable student visits to WSCC and Ferris State College. Backie seconded.	student college visitations.
New Business	Burger	Spring Career Day - Burger noted that she is working with Torrey, Taylor and Shelly Rife to plan a spring Career Day at OCS. Students will be polled to find out the careers in which they're interested in learning about. They'll be looking for subject experts. Would PLA support? It would involve contacting participants and organizing. Board members agreed to support.	
New Business	Taylor	OCS Volunteer program – Taylor noted that there is no Title V coordinator this year. If anyone is interested in working with young students, contact the school.	
New Business	Taylor	Board Retreat – Taylor would like to plan the Retreat for Jan. 7, 8 or 9 <sup>th</sup> . He proposes to get input from the community by survey.	Taylor will check with the Covenant Bible Camp to see if we can use their meeting room on these dates.
Public comment, adjournment			Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:55.