

# PLA Monthly Regular

## Board of Director's Meeting October 1, 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	Bess	Attending – Bess, McNeil, Backie, Burger, Torrey, Capper, Sternberger, M. Reed, Fairgrieve. Guests: Kevin Hughes, Lee LaFleur. Bess called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were not enough members present for a quorum.	
Committee Directory	Bess	Still waiting for committee member's names.	Confirm your committee members with Taylor.
Secretary's Report	Backie	September minutes were reviewed; no suggestions for changes/corrections.	
Treasurer's Report	McNeil	McNeil sent the report to Board members. No discussion for lack of a quorum.	
Kevin Hughes OCS Superintendent		Hughes made a presentation on the bond issues that will be put before voters in the November election.	
Petunia Parade	Phillips/Acker	Committee work will begin again in January.	
Newsletter	Fairgrieve	Fairgrieve noted that 535 copies of the <i>Newsletter</i> have been printed and disseminated. 26 copies were mailed to those without email. The email notice has not yet gone out. The next <i>Newsletter</i> will come out the first of January; deadline for articles is mid-December.	Backie will check with MS Creative about the email with link to electronic copy.
Fundraiser	Taylor	Fairgrieve suggested that we might think of Camp Arcadia as a possible venue for an upcoming Fund Raiser. They can seat 300 and the food is excellent. Issues include parking and when they would have availability.	Send any suggestions, ideas to Bess.
Website	Cody	No report.	
Membership	Wolverton	Bess noted that we had 21 new members sign up during the summer. No new members this month. Backie suggested that the Committee be enlarged to include people who will meet with new members to tell them about PLA and options to get involved. Fairgrieve suggested a membership directory. We would have to have people "opt in" to be in a directory.	
Lake Issues, Explore the Shores	M. Reed, M. Punches	M. Reed mentioned that the lake has just been treated. She is awaiting a report. A full report will be received in November. The Watershed	

		website will have a separate section for Invasive Species.	
Banners and Christmas Decorations (part of Christmas in Onekama)	C. Reed/Taylor	M. Reed noted that the lighting of the Christmas decorations will be coordinated with Christmas in Onekama event.	
Fall Festival	Sternberger	J. Sternberger reported that everything is ready to go for the Fall Fest. There are 21 vendors; more have expressed interest. He needs 3 strong people to help move picnic tables in the park on Friday, Oct. 10 at 5:30. Will only take a few minutes.	Volunteers needed to help move picnic tables on Friday, Oct. 10 at 5:30.
Winter Fest	Taylor	No report.	
Concerts	G. Panches	No report.	
Facebook Pages	Taylor	No report.	
Onekama Scholarships	Burger	Burger reported that she's received paperwork from one of the scholarship recipients. Torrey said she'll remind the other student. Burger also mentioned that Torrey and Shelly ??? are working on a college prep class for juniors and seniors to help them think about further options for training and schooling. They are looking for volunteers to help students with ACT preparation classes, focusing on English and math. Class meets Monday – Friday from 12:30 – 1:30.	Volunteers needed to help with ACT Prep class at OCS from 12:30 -1:30, Monday – Friday.
Publicity	Backie	Backie reported that she's finishing up promotion for Fall Fest. She will bring a draft of next year's events to the November meeting, since some advertising venues need the information very early in the year.	
Onekama Days	Taylor, Szilvagy, Peabody, English, Mueller	Bess noted that there will be a spaghetti dinner fireworks fund raiser on Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> at the Lions' Den.	
Christmas in Onekama	Pomaranski, Fairgrieve, Franklin, Sternberger	Fairgrieve mentioned that the M-22 Grille will do a set dinner between the afternoon and evening activities. Tickets must be ordered by Nov. 15 and can be picked up at a table at Christmas in Onekama. Other PLA items can be sold at the table.	
Old Business	Lee LaFleur	LaFleur updated the Board members on his Village Park band shell proposal. He now has a committee with 8 members. He's working with the Manistee Foundation to set up a fund for the project. Architect Kendra Thompson is doing a concept drawing. He's waiting on the drawing before he meets with the Village. The Village will have the final say on the project. They're concerned about upkeep. Lee is trying to be realistic but the project has morphed from the Band Shell to include the pavilion with handicapper accessible bathrooms.	
	Fairgrieve	Evelyn Sorenson tapestry – Fairgrieve noted that she has asked Taylor to contact Ms. Blainey at West Shore Hospital, since she has not responded to Fairgrieve's attempts to get the tapestry.	
New Business	Torrey	College trip support for 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grade OCS Classes – Torrey presented a proposal to take 38 10 <sup>th</sup> grade OCS students on a college visit to CMU in the spring. Cost about \$300 for the bus. They would also like to take 9 <sup>th</sup> graders on a trip to WSCC It will cost about \$60 for the bus. They are seeking support from several groups and the Manistee Foundation. Asks that PLA consider funding. No action due to lack of quorum.	

New Business	M. Punches	Punches mentioned that someone needs to decorate the PLA scarecrow. It needs to go up by Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> .	Fairgrieve and Capper will decorate the PLA scarecrow.
Public comment, adjournment			Meeting adjourned at 8:39.