

Portage Lake Association Board Meeting:

MINUTES December 1st, 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 Callaway

Board of Directors 2/yrs

Jim Simons
 Dave Combs
 Frank English

Order of Business	Person Responsible	Report/discussion	Action Plan
Call to order	Mary Reed	President George Punches absent	07:00:00 PM
Introductions	Mary Reed	All board members present except Roger Cody, Chuck Reed and Eric Beeman. Also present: Lee La Fleur, Linda English, Jewelee Franklin, Jeff Sternberger, Mary Fairgrieve, Judy Blackmore, Paul and Jane Mueller	.
Secretary's Report	Mary Reed	Minutes were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Spelling errors were noted. Frank moved, Barb seconded to approve November minutes with corrections.	Motion carried
Treasurer's report	Barb Wolverton	Report is attached. Barb noted that the number of donors for the Celebration of Lights this year was 79.	
President's report	Mary Reed for George Punches	See the December President's Newsletter. Note that the retreat date has been changed to January 4 th from 8AM to Noon. Please let Margaret know if you plan to attend..	
Committee Reports			
Christmas Lights	Dave Combs	Repairs for the Christmas lights on main street were \$81. 5 ornaments are out, 3 trees are not lighting up completely. Consumers has been called to check power units and will bill us if necessary.	
Celebration of Lights, Craft Sale, Chili Cook-off	Jeff Sternberger, Jewelee Franklin, Dave Combs	<u>Jewelée:</u> There were 17 vendors for the craft sale. Some were more successful than others. The expenses were \$65 for signs and \$124 for donor envelopes. There was no charge to the vendors this year. <u>Jeff:</u> Profits (\$155) from the chili cook off go to the boy scouts. 64 people entered a vote in the chili contest (see attached). Portage Point Inn & Onekama Family Market tied for 1 st , Blue Slipper	Jewelée will check on costs for larger signs for next year. We will charge the vendors next year. Suggestions to explore for next year: 1. Hold it in the new school gym. 2. Overlap the craft sale and the chili

		won for best display. Gary Hayes won for best and hottest in the individual division and Margaret Punches won for best display. There were 9 chilies (5 Business and 4 individual entries) Some suggestions for next year were discussed.	contest 3. Provide milk and other drinks to counteract the hot chilies 4. Check if the athletic boosters would like to help.
Newsletter	Margaret Punches	No report – Fall Newsletter is out. Next one will be in January	
Burkel Memorial	Mary Reed	No report – Working on costs for educational signs.	
Website	Roger Cody and Committee	No report. Discussion by the board on the loss of Eric Beeman as the web master. Board discussed the excellent job that Eric has done. Ideas for the website will be explored by the committee and at the retreat.	Eric has graciously agreed to work with the committee to give seamless transition to a new web master.
Membership	Roger Cody	No report	
OLD BUSINESS:			
New school and PLA activities	See agenda	George contacted Kevin Hughes and other School board members and they are VERY open to PLA using new auditorium for rain out concerts AND for a spring/summer special concert that will highlight the new school.	New building will be a great resource for community and PLA
Portage Lake Winter Festival	Doug Callaway	Doug reported that George Peplinski is spearheading this. There will be an ice fishing contest and Doug plans to flood the tennis courts for an ice skating rink. Doug and Bob Evens will do a bonfire. Other activities: best shanty contest, golf ball contest. 5K run, chili cook off (or soup/stew), Shays comedy night, Ice Airboat Rides etc. Lots of ideas and lots of people willing to work on it .	Doug passed out the flyer (attached) and board members will help with distributing flyers and promoting the festival.
New Business			
Dinner/dance at the Portage Point Inn	Jeff Sternberger	Jeff reported that the Portage Point Inn is partnering with United Way to host a fund raiser December 19 th . This will be a dinner/dance, big band Christmas concert, silent auction. Jeff asked for donations of silent auction items. These can tax deductible.	
New Projects	Doug Callaway	Doug gave an overview of the M-22 Project and the Community Development Council which is chaired by Beth McCarthy and Doug. These are all part of the Master Plan Implementation Program. Onekama being the southern entrance to	

		M-22 has lots going on and many people are involved. Looking for grant money and stimulus money. Pros and cons of a Downtown Development Authority were discussed. We have grant money to do a 9 month evaluation and come up with the pros and cons of combining the Village and Township. We currently have a joint master plan, joint planning commission and ordinance committee. Tim Ervin is looking for grant money.	
Meeting adjourned	Mary Reed	08:20:00 PM	
Submitted by	Mary Reed		