

**LAKESIDE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION (LPOA)
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

October 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – The LPOA meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by President Riney Robertson, at Orchestra Hall. There were approximately 96 in attendance

INVOCATION – by Tim Taylor, who led the assembled group in the hymn, “We Gather Together”.

MINUTES – The minutes from the Aug 2009 General Meeting were approved, with a question about the Conveyance Form used at a closing. Mike Brown (former Director of Real Estate Appraisal for the State of IL responded “in Ohio it is the responsibility of the attorney to make sure Personal Property is listed correctly on the form”.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS – the following new property owners were introduced:

1. Bill Lutterbein & Alice Young ... 235 East 4th Street
2. Dick & Nan Barrett ... 426 Poplar
3. Robert & Bretta Ruse ... 663 Cedar
4. Jim & Kathy Kettlewell ... 610 Walnut

TREASURER'S REPORT – was presented by Mike Brown, and approved.

Cash on Hand 7/11/09	\$13,419.88		
Income for 2009	\$21,245.62	2009 Memberships to date	1,106
Expenses	\$12,937.31		
Cash on Hand 10/01/09	\$14,376.06		

2010 MEETINGS – will be as follows:

May 21st (Memorial Day Weekend),
July 10th,
August 14th,
October 2nd.

REPORT FROM LAKESIDE ASSOCIATION:

Kevin Sibbring was in Columbus with members of the Lakeside Heritage Society to receive the 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums, for “Celebrating the Memories – the Hoover Potato Digger and Lakeside, Ohio”. Wendy Eller, Vice President of Operations presented the following:

- Lakeside had a very strong season. Attendance was up slightly, in contrast to other local areas which experienced a 15 to 30% drop.
- Educational Programming for the Season: 215 seminars, 122 speakers, and 10,800 attendees.
- The Religious/Worship area experienced an increase in attendance.
- The Rhein Center held 800 classes with over 7,000 students. The Wooden Boat group, Antique Show, and Ice Cream Social also enjoyed increased attendance.
- Group Sales held 300+ events. All the annual ones have re-booked for next year.
- The Farmer's Market had a successful season, and will return on Tues & Fri in 2010.
- The Hotel Lakeside Café was successfully introduced. Lakeside is committed to continuing this service and exploring the possible use of the Hotel Dining Room next year.
- There were 13 Interns in this summer's successful Leadership Academy, and this program will also continue in 2010. Many thanks for the donations and local mentors from the Lakeside community.

- Thanks to Tom Hilty's Merchant Survey which was returned by 1,000 participants. Results will be presented to the Trade Association, and then made available to the community.
- There has been a lot of feedback on the laundry closing issue, and the Lakeside Association Board has authorized the search for a 3rd party partner to help run a laundry facility for 2010.
- 85 volunteers helped with the successful Midwest Birding Symposium. 850 birders attended, and there was major press coverage promoting Lakeside. The birders donated \$1,000 to the fund for replacing Lakeside's trees. MBS will meet in Lakeside again 9/15 to 9/18 in 2011.
- October 10th Lakeside will partner again with the Marblehead Chamber of Commerce on the Lighthouse Festival. There were over 5,000 attending last year. This year there will be 70-80 craft vendors.
- **KEY CHALLENGES:**
 1. Hiring/Training Seasonal Staff
 2. Increased events in the Shoulder Season (a challenge for staff when college kids return to school)
 3. Increased investment in the physical infrastructure. Have planned for \$500,000 annually, but will need to increase in future.
 4. Growing the donor base for the Endowment and Annual Funds.
- **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**
 1. Will the Lakeside Association consider putting the results of the Merchant Survey online?
 2. Congrats to the staff for the large number of seminars. The reported volumes did NOT include the MBS meetings.
 3. Is there a plan to create more outside of the gate parking?
 4. Tickets can be purchased at both South and 5th Street Gates. The Welcome Center was designed originally to be the ticket selling location instead of South Gate, and Groups are referred to that Welcome Center for their passes. There has been less online ticket purchasing than was originally planned, hence more congestion at the gates.
 5. The original placement of the South Gate was due to the lack of a turn lane on #163, and the legal requirement of space to accommodate 65 cars between #163 and the gate itself.
 6. Would Lakeside consider making some short term parking spaces available to folks who are willing to purchase their tickets at the Welcome Center thereby reducing traffic at the gate?
 7. Can the South Gate and Trash area be configured so it is not necessary to go out of the gate to access the Trash area, and more difficult for outsiders to access Lakeside's trash area?
 8. The LPOA has donated \$2,000 toward a fund to install a South Gate which can be closed.
 9. Suggest utilizing speed bumps for the hill on Central, to stop the large number of skateboarders.
 10. Although we love young people's groups, is it possible to discourage adult chaperone overuse of megaphones, and shouting contests in the early and late hours?
 11. Working as a volunteer for MBS, it was neat to introduce Lakeside to people who had never been here before.
 12. Should we invite the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums to have one of their meetings here in Lakeside?

LPOA DONATIONS FOR 2009: The LPOA Board has authorized the donation of \$1,000 to the Lakeside Fire Department, and \$1,000 to the Marblehead Fire Department.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:

- Dee Grindley, Third – stated 3 men attempted to break in to their house in June. She indicated the following concerns:
 - There is only 1 cruiser on duty for all of Danbury Township after 1 am,
 - There is a need for a closable south gate,
 - Lakesiders should look out for each other's properties.

- Joel Brucken, Lynn – stated there are 9 municipalities in Ottawa County, and Lakeside is the only one without a police force. There is not adequate backup, because county officials depend on the municipalities to have their own police force. He recommends Lakeside have its own, but states it is not “cheap”.
- Don Lamb, Peach – at his home town, they contract with the Sheriff Dept for police coverage. This provides trained personnel 24/7.
- Ed Brewster, Central – asks if the LPOA can help with the installing of speed bumps on Central. He also indicates there is a problem with flooding on Central, and wants to make sure it doesn't increase with the new construction.

ADJOURNMENT – After Riney reminded attendees of the need for volunteers to help with the Lighthouse Festival, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Brown, Secretary