

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

July 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – The LPOA meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Riney Robertson, at Orchestra Hall. There were approximately 172 in attendance

INVOCATION – by Tim Taylor, who read from a book of poems “God’s World Not Ours”, written by his Grandmother.

MINUTES – The minutes from the May 2009 General Meeting were approved.

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

1. Greg & Beth Ahren – 342 Lynn
2. John & Georgeann Clark – 304 East 6th
3. Terry Johnson – 433 Jasmine

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

Income for 2009	\$24,914.18	2009 Memberships to date	1,051
Expenses	\$12,937.31		
Cash on Hand 7/11/09	\$13,419.88		

To date the 2009 directories are costing LPOA \$10.47 each. Membership funds are up approx \$4,000 from 2008. There were 1,256 members total in 2008, and membership is down approximately 200.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairman Tim Taylor presented the Nominating Committee slate for the 3 open positions: Treasurer - Mike Brown, Secretary – Carolyn Brown, and Director – Debbie Edwards. There were no nominations from the floor. The elections will be held in August.

2009 REMAINING MEETING DATES – will be August 8th, and October 3rd. The Ottawa County Auditor, and a couple members of her staff will be present at the August 8th meeting, and available to answer questions. Property owners will have their new assessments in the mail by then.

REPORT FROM KEVIN SIBBRING:

- Lakeside is having a “good strong year so far”. The 4th of July weekend was successful, which usually sets the stage for the summer season. Gate passes are down approximately 5%, but other Ottawa County summer venues are down approx 15% to 25%.
- There was a strong focus on staff training before conferences, with clear job descriptions and expectations. Extra emphasis was placed on Gates Training this year.
- Kevin emphasized the importance of cottage owners informing all their renters about Lakeside’s summer season Gate Fee. Apparently there have been several instances of renters arriving at the gates, and being very upset about the surprise fee.
- 2009 Annual Conferences were the best of his 5 year tenure. WOC Bishop Ough stated his conference was “exceptional”, and EOC Bishop Hopkins stated his conference was “one of the best ever held”.
- There are growing concerns about security issues between Memorial Day and Conference time, which will be discussed at the next Lakeside Assn Board meeting on Sept 9th.
- 2009 is the 2nd year of Lakeside’s Leadership Academy, and there is an exceptional group of Interns here this year.
- 2 Environmental Science Interns are mapping all the trees on the grounds (species, condition, size, etc). There are a significant number of Ash trees in Lakeside, which we will probably lose because the Ash Bore is present. There are plans to repopulate the grounds with trees.

- New web site has been lauded as much more colorful, easier to navigate, and is receiving many more hits. Lakeside is also managing an official Facebook site, and there are other pro-Lakeside Facebook sites which have been instituted by groups of Youth.
- The Curbside Recycling program, a “core to the Board’s Strategic Plan” has begun, with mixed reviews. There are no immediate plans to “dump” the current dump site.
- In the 1st 3 weeks, Gretchen Curtis’ 2009 Educational Sessions have experienced a 40% attendance increase over last year.
- With the current economy, there has been a decrease in the Endowment Fund. The Goal for the Annual Fund is \$400,000 this fiscal year. (new fiscal year = April 1st thru March 31st)
- Designated Gifts this year have included the new Playground equipment in Central Park, the Orchestra Hall roof, and the Potato Digger display.
- The Midwest Birding Symposium (MBS) will be welcomed to Lakeside September 17th to 20th. With a goal of 1,000 birders, this represents a new revenue stream for Lakeside, and many volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. Carolyn Brown mentioned that both hotels are almost filled, so cottage owners who filled out forms to rent rooms or whole cottages should begin receiving phone calls from potential MBS renters soon.
- The Enterprise Committee is conducting a survey to determine the optimal retail mix. This survey can be found in the “Lakesider” each week, online, or in hard copy at the Assn Office.
- The Laundry lost \$10,000 in 2008, and the possibility of permanently closing it is being considered. Other laundry facilities in the area are being contacted to determine interest in taking over this business. No final decision has been made at this point.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:

- Jan Watson – is concerned about the “vulnerable area” by the South Gate, where anyone can walk in to the grounds. Kevin indicated “aesthetic fencing” for the area is on the list, but not started due to funding issues. Riney mentioned a Fund which has been started for this gate project.
- Sittie Rhein – made her annual protest concerning the \$3.50 fee to play miniature golf.
- Terry Tomlinson – asked why the South Gate proposed fencing would be so expensive. There is an aesthetic wish to keep the fencing consistent with other fencing already installed in the area.
- Nancy Long – mentioned it is possible to do curbside recycling without using the big blue container.
- Patty Foley – praised the wonderful Sunday Buffet at the Hotel Lakeside dining room, and the good meal she enjoyed in the new Lakeside Café.
- Dan Rosco – stated his feeling that the blue containers are too big for his lot size, and not aesthetically appealing. He prefers using the dump site at the top of the hill.
- Burt Lahm – requested a show of hands of those who would prefer Lakeside be a gated community year round. 1/3 present voted for, and 2/3 voted against this concept.
- Joe Brucken – stated off season gates could be operated with computer chips in the season gate passes.
- Tim Taylor – is concerned about local residents living outside the gates who would have trouble coming in to Lakeside during the off season especially to attend Lakeside United Methodist Church.
- Linda Rutencutter – states a concern about the park equipment not being cared for appropriately and/or vandalized by folks who enter the grounds off season.

- Tom Mueller – with modern technology, and security enhancements, the gates may not need to be an “either/or”.
- Terry Johnson – asked if the security question would be alleviated by closing South Gate out of season.
- Alice King – stated she “appreciates the blue bins”.
- Carolyn Brown – is concerned about the lack of opportunity for input &/or discussion by the LPOA membership regarding the Recycling Bin program. Kevin responded there was “good input” by the property owners on the Lakeside Association Board.
- Cindy Neff – stated she was “thrilled to get the blue containers”.
- Anonymous – is concerned about children from local churches not attending church camps in Lakeside. Kevin stated there is a new position this year, “Director of Religious Life and Church Outreach” held by the Rev. Roger Smith. In addition there is a “Lakeside for Youth” camp taking place throughout this summer.
- Roberta Durham – asked if there will be music every day and night at South Auditorium. Kevin has used decibel readers, found a higher level at Hoover than at South Auditorium, but will continue to track. He waxed nostalgic about an episode of “Mayberry RFD”.
- Bob Meyer – has owned his home for 12 years, and has dealt with the design/review boards. He asked if there is any recourse in dealing with property owners who are not taking care of their property. Kevin indicated direct actions are detailed in the Rules and Regs. He suggested contacting the Design/Review Board and letting them know the specific properties. Lynn App chairs the Municipal Services Committee, and Jim Boyer chairs the Historic Preservation Design & Review Board.
- Nancy Carlson – expressed her appreciation for cottage owner input.
- Barb Douce – requested volunteer golf carts and drivers to provide shuttle service for the Home Tour.
- Dave McMullen – asked if he can’t use the blue recycling bin, how does he return it? Kevin stated it can be taken to the Municipal Services Building, or call Dave Geyer & he will arrange for a pick-up.
- Pat Kolarek – encouraged members to attend the Lakeside Summer Stage production of “Cheaper by the Dozen” on July 28th and 30th.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Brown
Secretary