

# The Lorain County Township Association

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The LCTA Christmas Banquet will be held on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at Camden Twp., 50679 St. Rt. 303 (intersection of 303 & 511) Oberlin, 44074. Reception at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00

Minutes of meeting November 17, 2016, hosted by Olmsted Twp.

In the absence of President, Amy Szmania, Amy Richards called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Dick Heidecker made a motion to approve the Oct. minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Vicki Denes, motion carried

Treasurer, Amy Richards, gave a report of no income; Expenses- \$300 to Stein Hospice in memory of Dan Miller, \$30.39 for envelopes; balance in checking \$24,227.52 & CD balance- \$5691.65. Fran Walker made a motion to approve the report, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Rob Scheithauer-motion carried.

Program-Dyann McDowell spoke on HB 523- understanding the new law & impact of medical marijuana in the workplace. The new law requires employers to have or create a drug free policy & nothing in the law requires an employer to accommodate an employee to use, possess, or distribute medical marijuana. Fliers were passed out stating what we need to do as far as our policies.

Reports:

Secretary-Jean Haight read a Thank You note from Christie Miller for our donation to Stein Hospice in memory of Dan.

Mark McConnell stated that the sound system isn't working very well; one of the microphones doesn't work, should we try to get it fixed or buy a new one. Orrin Leimbach volunteered to take it & try to get it fixed.

Amy Richards asked about a donation for Casino Night at the Conference. Patty Echko made a motion to donate 2 \$25 gift cards, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Fran Walker, motion carried. They are also looking for Sergeant at Arms for the classes, a schedule will come soon. Rob Scheithauer made a motion to donate \$300 to the NEOTA Hospitality Room on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Mike Musto-motion carried

Neil Lynch, Nominating Committee Chairman, stated that Amy Szmania appointed 5 Trustees from 5 different Townships to be on the Committee as the Constitution states. They are Ken Ziegler, Duane Johnson, Jared Smith, Butch Holmes & himself. He stated that paper ballots will be given to all 28 Active members in attendance to cast their vote. For President, the nominations were Amy Szmania & Jean Haight,, Vice President, Orrin Leimbach, Secretary, Mike Musto, Treasurer Amy Richards, & Executive Committeeman, Mark McConnell. Amy Richards asked twice if there were any nominations from the floor for President. None were given, Neil stated that you need to vote for either Amy or Jean. After the votes were counted, he announced that Jean Haight was elected President. Next was Vice President, Amy asked twice for nominations from the floor, Vicki Denes nominated Fran Walker for Vice President. After the votes were counted, Neil announced that Orrin Leimbach was elected Vice President. Amy asked twice if there were any nominates for Secretary, it is a paid position-\$75 a month. No nominations were given so Mike Musto is the Secretary. Amy asked twice for nominations for Treasurer-none were given, so Amy remains as Treasurer. She asked twice for nominations for Executive Committeeman, 2 were given, Dick Heidecker & Patty Echko. After the ballots were counted, Neil announced that Mark McConnell will remain as Executive Committeeman.

NOACA-Mike Musto stated that the next meeting is next Thurs at 7:30, OPWC meeting on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. At 1pm, the Integrating Committee meeting will be Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Social Committee-Patty Echko announced that you can give a cash donation to Well-Help to buy meats instead of bringing non-perishable food items, if you want to. There will be a jar for you to put the money in. She also talked about Keep Lorain County Beautiful; you need to register your garden. She has the forms if you didn't do it yet. Also Marsha Funk asked her to tell you that the OTARMA ballots will be coming in the mail to you.

SWAC-Mark McConnell stated that there is stream restoration on Willow Creek. On Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. SWAC will announce the approved projects. All projects will be under the petition process & he has forms for that.

Commissioner-Matt Lundy stated that the SWAC deadline is Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. In his Commissioners' report, Matt stated that with the failure of the sales tax initiative, the Commissioners were brainstorming ideas as to how the county's many departmental expenses would be covered. He read a letter from Prosecutor, Dennis Will stating all the court cases that are pending & the expenses to prosecute all of them.

Prosecutor's Office-Jerry Innes stated that after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they could work on a policy for HB523 pertaining to medical marijuana in the workplace.

Emergency Management-Tom Kelley stated that with the new WEN system that they have sent out 500,000 alerts. Any Township can use it.

Carl Wesemeyer stated that Lee Tansey has resigned from the Engineer's Office. He asked if we would consider giving him a gift card to show our appreciation & years of dedication to the Engineer's Office. Orrin Leimbach made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift card, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Carl Wesemeyer, motion carried.

Mark McConnell announced that the Engineer's Office has a RUMA for all Townships involved in the Nexus Pipeline. A motion was made by Mark McConnell to adjourn at 8:50, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Richards, motion carried.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> LCTA meeting at Penfield

