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BOARD MOTIONS:

No motions were passed at the September 15, 2008 board meeting.

MANAGER'S NOTES:

It is hard to believe that the County Fair and Pumpkin Show have come and gone. We are rapidly closing in on Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays. It will be cold before we know it. This is a glorious time of year and we should enjoy every day.



There have been some comments on the grounds regarding the maintenance staff and I wanted to take this opportunity to pass on information regarding this subject. In the past, we have operated with a staff of three (3) fulltime maintenance employees. When an employee was terminated in December last year, it was decided not to replace him on a fulltime basis. It was decided to work this year using seasonal employees during the busy periods. We hired a lawn maintenance employee in April and another in August. These employees' primary duties are lawn maintenance and leaf collection but, on occasion, they do assist the regular maintenance employees. In addition, we hired one other seasonal employee for janitorial work during church and band camps and through mid-September. This employee has left for other employment. The two seasonal maintenance employees will work to the end of November. Utilizing these seasonal employees, at a reduced hourly rate and with no benefits to pay, will result in an annual savings of approximately \$6,000.00 in our maintenance budget.

DROPPING CHILDREN OFF FOR SCHOOL BUS:

As everyone knows, the Lancaster City School buses stop at the front gate to pick up and discharge students. Some parents elect to drop off or pick up their children by driving to the front gate. If you are one of these parents, please park in the designated parking spaces and not anywhere else. Parking outside the lined spaces disrupts the traffic flow at the front gate and creates a hazardous condition for vehicles leaving and entering the grounds. Questions should be directed to the Camp Ground Office.

GOLF CART STORAGE:

We will be storing golf carts in the Temple again this year. The annual fee will be \$25.00. Please contact the Camp Ground Office to make arrangements for storage.

FRIDAY TRASH PICK UP TO END IN OCTOBER:

The last day for Friday trash pick up will be October 31. Trash will only be picked up on Mondays until April 2009. If you have any questions, please contact the Office.



OFFICE CLOSING

As in the past, the Camp Ground Office will be closed during the winter at noon each Wednesday beginning November 5 until the last Wednesday in March. Please contact the office if you have a question.

MAILBOXES – WE NEED MAILBOXES - PLEASE HELP

The Camp Ground Office is in need of mailboxes for new residents/cottage owners. If you do have a mailbox and are not using it **or can do without it**, please contact the office. Another way would be if you are willing to share a mailbox with someone, please advise the office. We have one person who is willing to share. If we are unable to obtain additional mailboxes, it will be necessary to purchase them and they are very expensive. Help if you can.

PARKING FOR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:

As everyone knows, there are no assigned parking spaces. Parking at the Camp Ground is a common problem and courtesy and common sense must prevail. Residents deal with this situation on a daily basis but when you have guests, it's your responsibility to advise them where to park properly and legally. If you have questions, call the Office.

EMERGENCY WATER PROBLEMS:

If you encounter a water problem, such as a water line break, when the office is closed and the maintenance staff is off duty, please contact the following personnel for assistance: Greg White or Jim Morgan. The maintenance personnel cannot make repairs inside your cottage but they can turn the water off outside to prevent as much damage as possible.

AUDITORIUM PAINT PROJECT CONTINUES:

The lower half of the auditorium is being painted. As donations come in the paint is being bought and applied. This project is open to everyone to be a part. For a gallon of paint & primer it is about \$35. A LOT OF PAINT IS YET TO BE PURCHASED - please prayerfully consider this - - financial contributions may be sent to Lancaster Camp Ground, Attention Auditorium Paint, 2151 W. Fair Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130. Make checks payable to Lancaster Camp Ground and put "Auditorium Paint" on the memo line. Thanks to those who have already given. If you haven't seen it, take a peak, it looks good! It has made a huge difference in the beauty of the building.



LEAF COLLECTION

One of our largest projects of the year will begin soon and we have a change this year. In the past the dump truck has been used for leaf collection and this has not always proven to be efficient. We have purchased a new "dump trailer" and a leaf collection box has been constructed. The leaf vacuum will be mounted on the front of the box rather than on the back, which will enhance the safety of anyone working on this project. We plan to pull the trailer with one of the tractors. Feel free to join our "collection party" if you see us in your neighborhood.

Personnel from Camp Reams will be on the grounds the week of Nov.17 to assist with leaf collection. They will be working with our maintenance staff.

HO - HO - HO!

Yep, Christmas is coming! But first comes the *Christmas Walk!!* This year it will be December 5th and 6th. We have handouts in the office if you would like to give someone information. You can also visit the website and go to the Christmas Page at www.lancastercampground.com. The office is already taking reservations for the Candlelight Dinner. Believe it or not the Cafeteria has already begun it's metamorphosis into a winter wonderland.

Now comes your part . . . we need lots of volunteers. You have so many choices of what to do! If you want to help right now in an easy way, just save your gallon milk jugs (*please* - wash them out) so we can use them to put candles in to light the paths. Or maybe you love to decorate - contact Rachel Stewart and she would love the help - or ask a neighbor if you can help them decorate their cottage a bit. Plan to help during the walk - in the cafeteria - showing your cottage all decorated up - greeting people as they arrive in this historic building for a few - bake goods, goodie bags, hot chocolate, punch, etc. As you see the need for things to be done Call Laura Bruggert and put your name on the list of volunteers and let her know what you would like to do to help. If you are new to the grounds call Laura or stop in the office and say you would like to be a help and we will find you a spot.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Cut this out and put it on your fridge!!

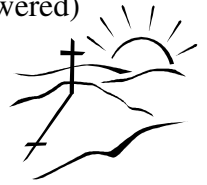
There will be *no Gospel Sings* in *November or December* due to use of the Activity Building

Program Committee	Monday	November 3	1:00 p.m.	Unit 1
½ Day for Office Begins	Wednesday	November 5	Office closes at Noon - Wed. during winter	
Grounds Committee	Friday	November 7	1:00 p.m.	Office
Personnel Committee	Monday	November 11	1:00 p.m.	Office
Monthly Potluck	Tuesday	November 11	6:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Finance Committee	Thursday	November 13	9:00 a.m.	Office
Long Range Committee	Thursday	November 13	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Board Meeting	Monday	November 17	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Historical Committee Mtg.	Tuesday	November 25	6:00 p.m.	Creighton Corner

Note: you can see the on-line calendar anytime at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/lcgsecretary>

PRAYER LIST: (Please notify the office when someone on this list has had their prayers answered)

Rosemary Garrison	Josephine Rutter	Art Newland	Doyle Garrett
Stephanie Hastings	Mitch McClave	Virginia Pletcher	Bill Graybill
Mathew Boyd	Leonard Dougherty	Norma Jane Yeager	Dick Webb
			Gary Capps



TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CAMP GROUND:

The annual "Trick or Treat at the Camp Ground" is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

POTLUCK:

We need a host for the **November 11th** Potluck contact the office if you want to volunteer. If you've never been to a monthly potluck all you need is a plate, silverware, a dish to share and a plan to have a good time!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS:

Have you noticed that we began our fall with the grocery, heritage house, hotel and museum all having fresh coats of paint outside! Caring for this important part of our history is very rewarding. This time of year reminds us to pay our 2009 membership dues (\$8.00), also the society could use your financial support in maintaining our buildings . . . please consider membership. You can give your dues to the office and they will see that it gets to the correct person in the society. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December, January and February. You are all invited to attend!

We hope you had a chance to go to the fair . . . Historic Lancaster Camp Ground was represented by a cozy and comfy booth with the theme "Today". We displayed art work; sold bird feeders, cups, postcards; distributed info about the Christmas Walk and historic tours; made picture albums available for perusal; flyers were available for auditorium preservation donations; and volunteers at "every" shift smiled and chatted to all those friendly faces that passed by each day. MANY requests were honored with a current list of cottages that are for sale.



A BIG THANK YOU to our volunteers. . . ED BENNETT, EARL BISHOP, CHARLTON & LAURA BURGETT, LOU BURGETT, MARTY CYRUS, BOB AND MARTY LAMBERT, KEITHA LANE, JIM AND JUDY MORGAN, FRANK NOLAN, MIKE SCHLEPPI, KAREN TRIBUL, VICKI WELLS AND CHERYL WYMER. We could not have filled every time slot if not for CHARLTON BURGETT taking one or two shifts for FOUR days! Thank you, Charlton!!

Judy Morgan, Secretary

DOES EVERYONE NEED TO BE QUALIFIED TO LIVE ON THE GROUNDS?

Basically the answer is yes. Everyone except, visitors staying no more than 30 days per year, and young children but when they turn 18 they need to be qualified also. Even if you do not own a cottage you still need to be qualified. Qualification is required before purchasing a cottage. It begins with a meeting with the Manager. Meetings are every other Tuesday and can make special arrangements if needed. At that meeting he explains the rules of the Camp Ground and how it operates and answers any questions. If the person is interested in living on the grounds they are given a packet to fill out. When the packet is completed it is returned to the office with payment of \$50 and the secretary at that time will do a credit check. The other part is a State of Ohio Background Check which is done at any sheriff's office. Once payment has been made and all paperwork completed it goes to the Manager for final approval. This process is in keeping with the mandates of the Camp Ground Board. If you are on the grounds and have not completed the qualification process please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

CAMP GROUND VOLUNTEERS PULL IT OFF!!

The weekend of October 11, Lancaster Camp Ground was the site for a Boy Scout leader seminar, with 48 attendees. This group has been here several times and return because they enjoy the facility and the hospitality. This year disaster nearly ruined everything. The Camp Ground Cafeteria was scheduled to provide meals Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning. Due to a mis-communication, our cook was on vacation. To make a long story short, your secretary, Debbie, volunteered to organize volunteers and provide the meals. Marty planned the menu and the entire weekend came off without a hitch and our visitors were very pleased with "everything". ***A huge "CAMP GROUND THANK YOU" goes out to Debbie Miller, her mother June Lee, Marty Cyrus, Terry Mettler, Mike & Katie Schleppe, Karen & Gary Stambaugh, Rosie & Walter Beougher, Tom & Mary Jo Doan, Jim Morgan and Bobbie Kutasy.*** If it were not for the efforts of these people, we would have been faced with a very expensive catering bill. THANK YOU !

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION:

Dear Cottage Owners: The holiday season will be here before we know it and, as everyone knows, it is a time of giving. Even though we have a budgeted item for a gift to our employees, we would like to give you this opportunity to show your appreciation to our employees this Christmas season. Gifts will be presented at the Christmas Potluck in December at the Cafeteria. If you would like to contribute toward this gift, please put your gift in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift" and leave it at the Camp Ground Office. It will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee. Out of town cottage owners can mail their gift to Lancaster Camp Ground, "Christmas Gift", 2151 W. Fair Avenue Unit 100, Lancaster, OH 43130. Have a blessed holiday season. Personnel Committee

