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BOARD MOTIONS:

The following motions were passed at the December 15, 2008 board meeting:

1. That we accept the prospect of using a national background check, with the cost to be determined by the number of occupants over the age of 18; this process will include all future employees and potential residents.
2. That the budget, as presented to the board as final 2009 budget, be accepted.
3. That the new committee list be accepted.
4. That the July board meeting be changed from July 20 to July 13.
5. That the list of meetings and devotions as prepared by Morgan, with July 13 change, be accepted.



MANAGER'S NOTES:

January and February are good months to plan your warm weather projects. It is cold and blustery outside but you can begin to think about spring and what you want to do around the cottage this coming season. Walking through a home center is a good way to get ideas as well as television, magazines and home improvement shows. This is also a good time to begin to collect your supplies for your projects so that when the weather improves, you are ready to go.

In an effort to further enhance the Qualification Process and improve employee screening, the Camp Ground has engaged the services of a company to perform national background investigations on prospective cottage owners, residents and all future employees. In the past a county investigation was completed and, when it was determined that this was insufficient, it was changed to a State investigation. Problems have been encountered with the State investigation as well. The national investigation checks the following items: criminal records, sex offender registry, validates social security number, verifies that person has not attempted to access social security number death index (identity theft), checks for alias names, and lists former addresses for up to last 10 years. The same company will also provide credit reports, which are also part of the Camp Ground qualification process. Prospective cottage owners, residents and employees must sign a release allowing the Camp Ground to access this personal information. In addition, prospective employees are also required to pass a pre-employment drug test.

It is important that the Camp Ground Office be aware of anyone residing on the grounds, regardless of length of stay. In case of an emergency or if mail would be delivered, we must know the residents. According to Camp Ground rules,

- (1) persons visiting residents longer than three days must be registered with the Camp Ground Office and
- (2) those staying longer than two weeks must register in person.
- (3) In addition, any person who has attained the age of eighteen must be Qualified to reside on the Camp Ground if their term of residency is longer than thirty (30) days in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to the Office.

WINTER OFFICE CLOSING

The Camp Ground Office will close at **noon each Wednesday** November through March.

OLD APPLIANCE/WATER HEATER REMOVAL

If you have an old appliance or water heater that need to be removed, please contact the office and, for a small fee, the maintenance staff will remove it. We then hold onto these items and eventually a contractor is called in and takes the appliances to a recycling unit. Please do not leave items at the dumpster area - it is for garbage only.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: COTTAGE WATER PROBLEMS

Because of the extreme cold temperatures recently, numerous cottages have experienced frozen water lines. These lines either break as they freeze or become evident once the weather warms and the ice melts, exposing the damaged water line. The maintenance staff has responded to numerous requests to have the water service to cottages turned off. Many of these water turn-off orders have been after hours, requiring the maintenance staff to respond on overtime.

In the past, cottage owners have been encouraged to install their own water shut-off valve inside the cottage where the water line enters. If one of these valves is in place and a water line breaks, the cottage owner would be able to turn their own water off immediately thereby significantly reducing damage to the cottage, stopping water from being wasted, and eliminate the expense of maintenance staff overtime. It is also to your advantage to have this shut off valve if you need to do plumbing repairs.

At the January 19, 2009 board meeting, the board passed the following motion:

Effective March 1, 2009, a service call in the amount of \$100.00 will be charged to the cottage owner if the maintenance staff is called in after hours to turn the water off because of a water problem inside the cottage.

Note: This charge will not apply to requests to turn the water off during business hours or if the water problem is not the responsibility of the cottage owner.

Questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Camp Ground Office. The Camp Ground Office can also provide more information regarding the shut off valves inside your cottage.

POTLUCKS

The signup list for our 2009 Potlucks is now in the office. **We currently have no one hosting the February Potluck.** Hosting a potluck is very easy - just make the drinks, greet everyone as they arrive, have someone ask the blessing over the food, you can do a small program if you want, then simply make sure things are cleaned up, turn heat down and lock doors. There are plenty of attendees that are old hands at it, if you need any help or have questions.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Historical Society of the LCG will not meet again until March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Dues for 2009 are due at \$8.00 per adult and may be sent or taken to the LCG Office or given to any member. The "Friends" of the Historical Society can make donations, making checks payable to Lancaster Campground Historical Society .

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER . . .

Would you like room to grow your own vegetables? A couple of tomato plants, zucchini or two, radishes, onions or lettuce maybe? The Grounds Committee is discussing the possibility of community gardens. If you have ideas for space or are interested please address comments to Mary Jo Doan.



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

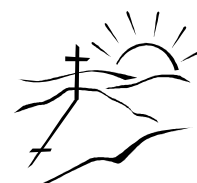
½ Day for Office every Wednesday through March - Office closes at Noon

Constitution / Rules	Friday	January 30	10:00 a.m.	Unit 1
Auditorium Fund Mtg.	Tuesday	February 3	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Gospel Sing -1st Fridays	Friday	February 6	7:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Grounds Committee	Friday	February 6	1:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Personnel Committee	Tuesday	February 10	1:00 p.m.	Office
Monthly Potluck	Tuesday	February 10	6:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Finance Committee	Thursday	February 12	9:00 a.m.	Unit 1
Board Meeting	Monday	February 16	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1

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	Art Newland	Doyle Garrett	Gary Capps
Stephanie Hastings	Betty Walter	Virginia Pletcher	Bill Graybill
Mathew Boyd	Leonard Dougherty	Norma Jane Yeager	Dick Webb
Barbara Black	John Glick		



"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up." James 5:15

THANK YOU so much for your support of our military. The response to my request in the previous newsletter to join Hocking County 4-H in supporting the troops was wonderful! We have already sent 8 boxes to our troops. I'm sure they are very much appreciated. The information we have through the ADOPT A PLATOON program is that they encourage the troops to reply, but that is not always possible depending on where they are deployed. If I hear anything, I will pass it on. Thank you again!

Barbara Carder



AUDITORIUM FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be a meeting of the fund-raising committee for the preservation of the Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 6:00 in Unit One. We will hear a report on the progress of plans for the Arts and Crafts / Indian Pow Wow and discuss the advertising and facility needs for the event. It will take a lot of volunteers to make this a success in our efforts on behalf of the Camp Ground. ***We hope you can be one of those.*** Please mark your calendars and join us.

Thanks, Marjorie Roe

"On the coldest weekend in recent times we got a call from our daughter on Friday morning there was no heat in the cottage. Being 2000 miles away didn't help much. Phone calls to Bobbie, Ed Bennett and his lovely wife, Davia -cottage 125, we got phone numbers and Ed made some calls. Nobody could look at it till Sat. or the following week. Made a call to Greg and he got 3 heaters to the cottage. Then the water pipes froze and busted. Another call to Greg got Don to turn off the water. Many thanks to Greg and the staff for their help, Bobbie for a heat tape and letting the grandson "potty" at her place, the Bennetts for their help and aunt Joyce for the many potty runs to her place. By Sunday morning Mindi had heat and water. Katie and I are very thankful that we found A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH when we found the Camp Ground."

Mike & Katie Schleppe

ASSISTANCE WITH HEATING BILLS:

The Home Energy Assistance Program that provides income qualifying households with financial assistance for winter heating bills begins. Applications will be accepted at the Lancaster-Fairfield community Action Agency through March 31, 2009. Applicants must provide income verification, such as documentation of Social Security benefits - including disability benefits, child support payments or payroll statements - for all household members for the preceding 13 weeks. A utility disconnection notice is not required for regular HEAP benefits. Emergency funds also can be paid on behalf of an eligible household on time during the winter heating season.



Households must have a disconnect notice for their heating source or less than a 10 day supply of bulk fuel to be eligible, and household income must be at 175 percent of the poverty guidelines to qualify for Emergency HEAP. Call the local Lancaster office at 740-653-4146 weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for more information. To schedule an appointment ask for Barbara Miller, HEAP Coordinator.

Thought for the month:

You are Christ's; and Christ is God's. - I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. - I am his.
The Son of God ... loved you, and gave himself for you. (Say out loud: *He loves me*, and gave himself for *me*.)

You are not your own, you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. - The LORD has taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as you are this day.

You are God's husbandry, you are God's building. - Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. - A spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

They shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels. - I am yours, and you are mine; and I am glorified in you. - The glory of his inheritance in the saints.

DEUT. 32:9. I Cor. 3:23. Song 7:10. Song 2:16. Gal. 2:20. I Cor. 6:19,20. Deut. 4:20. I Cor. 3:9. Heb. 3:6. I Pet. 2:5. Mal. 3:17. John 17:10. -Eph. 1:18.
Daily Light on the Path - Readings by Samuel Bagster

***“Like cold water
to a weary soul is good
news from a distant land.” Proverbs 25:25***