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BOARD MOTIONS:

The following motions were passed at the November 16, 2009 board meeting:

1. That the order of the agenda be suspended to hear Michelle Cramer of Cramer & Associates, a professional fund raising consultant.
2. That the resignation of Marion Farnsworth from the Worship & Program Committee be accepted.
3. That Manager, Greg White, be authorized to spend up to \$15,000.00 for an adequate replacement for the black Chevrolet pickup truck.



MANAGER'S NOTES:

The Christmas season is upon us. The Christmas Walk was a huge success, primarily due to the efforts of all of you that volunteered. It is amazing what a group of people can do when they put their minds to it. The Camp Ground was very fortunate to be the subject of two articles in the Eagle Gazette and one in the Columbus Dispatch. What a blessing the Christmas Walk has become.

The Christmas Potluck was a great time for all that attended. There was an abundance of good food and the spirit of Christmas was in the air. This potluck is one of the highlights of the entire season for residents and staff as well.

On behalf of the Camp Ground staff, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating to the employees' Christmas gifts. It is rewarding to know our efforts are appreciated.

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, your service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

***THE CAMP GROUND STAFF WISHES ALL OF YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!***

OFFICE CLOSING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS:

The Camp Ground **Office closes at noon on Wednesdays** through the winter as in the past. This will continue through Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Questions may be directed to the Camp Ground Office.

The Office will also be closed for Christmas Thursday/Friday December 24 & 25 and for New Years Day January 1st.

LAUNDROMAT

As the winter season approaches, it is necessary to turn on the heat in the Laundromat. As in the past, it is necessary to keep the door closed at all times, if you see it open please close it. Several times already this year, the door has been found open and the heater running continuously. This is very expensive and an unnecessary use of some your lease monies. Please help us conserve and properly heat the Laundromat.

2010 LEASE

There will not be an increase to the cottage leases in 2010. This is because there will not be an cost of living increase for Social Security, which is used to determine the amount of the Camp Ground increase.

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

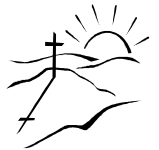
Office Closed for Christmas	Thurs./ Friday	Dec. 24 + 25	CLOSED	Office
Historical Society	Tuesday	December 29	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
New Years Eve Party	Thursday	December 31	9:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg *
May be cancelled if not enough reservations are received.				
Office Closed for New Years	Friday	January 1	closed	Office
Monthly Gospel Sing	Friday	January 1	7:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Program Committee	Tuesday	January 5	6:30 p.m.	Unit 1
Rules Committee	Friday	January 8	10:00 a.m.	Unit 1
Long Range Planning	Friday	January 8	11:30 a.m.	Unit 1
Grounds Committee	Friday	January 8	1:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Personnel Committee	Tuesday	January 12	4:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Monthly Potluck	Tuesday	January 12	6:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Finance Committee	Thursday	January 14	9:00 a.m.	Unit 1
Board Meeting	Monday	January 18	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1

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

Rosemary Garrison	Art Newland	Doyle Garrett	Gary Capps	Dick Webb
Stephanie Hastings	Betty Walter	Virginia Pletcher	Bill Graybill	Ron Hook
Christin Berger	Leonard Dougherty	Norma Jane Yeager	Rosie Beougher	
Martha Lambert	Norma Norris	Trula Newsome	John Glick	

If there are changes or additions to the above list please call Debbie in the office.

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



The Camp Ground offers Sympathy to the family of Eugene Garrison who passed on December 2, 2009

* NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - CALL NOW TO RESERVE A SPOT - Before Dec. 27th

A New Year's Eve party has been planned for YOUR enjoyment. We need to have a minimum of 20 people to make the night most enjoyable. Reservations are a MUST. Tickets may be purchased for only \$5.00 per person; this covers food and EVERYTHING! Come join us in the activity bldg from 9:00 PM until after midnight. There will be party hats and horns, sandwiches, veggie tray w/dip, assorted salads, chips & dips, éclairs, cream puffs, beverages, and some bubbly (non-alcoholic) to toast in the new year. Dance to the music, play cards, domino's, or board games and see in the New Year with your Camp Ground family. ** *It will be cancelled if at least 20 people do not sign up* ** Please sign up in the office or call Melody Gordon BEFORE DEC 27TH.

2010 POTLUCKS

The Christmas Potluck held on Dec. 8, in the Cafeteria had a great turnout. Now it's time to focus on next years potlucks, and hosts to be more exact. The sign up sheet will be in the office soon for you to sign up for a month to be the host. It's really easy, just make the drinks (we provide), welcome your neighbors as they arrive, oversee clean up at the end, lock the doors and turn off the heat and lights. See Debbie to pick a month to help, no host - no potluck.

TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE - NO CHANGE:

In the past, during the winter, we have discontinued trash pick up on Friday. This was done for several reasons; however, in some cases it created a hardship for residents. **This year we will continue both the Monday and Friday trash pick up schedule as we have through the summer.** Comments are welcome at the office.

CHRISTMAS WALK

Our Christmas Walk has come and gone for another year and now is the time to start preparing for the 2010 Christmas Walk. The Walk continues to be a success but, as we all know, there is always room for improvement. I am looking for suggestions of ways to make any aspect of the walk better. It does not matter if you were a volunteer or not, if you have thoughts or ideas you would like to share, please contact the Camp Ground Office. The goal is to start early, stay organized and reduce stress and workloads.

Greg White

AUDITORIUM FUND RAISING

The Auditorium Fund Raising Committee decided that professional help was needed. A fundraising consultant from Columbus was contacted and she came to the Camp Ground to discuss the project. She made a presentation at the November board meeting and the board decided to engage her services. Cramer & Associates will be meeting with members of the community and soliciting funds for the auditorium. A report will be provided to the Camp Ground by mid February. I have also been in touch with a former Camp Grounder who now resides in Cincinnati. She will be assisting with grant applications. Thank you to all of you who pledged funds to the auditorium. It is not too late to add your pledge if you have not done so. Your contribution may be the one that puts us over the top. Thank you.

Mike Schleppe and the Fund Raising Committee

STREET LIGHTS

If you have a street light in the vicinity of your cottage and you notice a problem, re: light out, going off and on, etc., please provide this information to the Camp Ground Office and we will contact South Central Power Company. When contacting the office, please give a specific location for the light.

SCHOOL BUSES ON THE GROUNDS



School buses discharging students are doing so at two locations this year. One bus stops on Fair Avenue and allows the students to exit at the front gate. Another bus pulls on the grounds, into the parking lot, to discharge students. This bus driver is reporting that vehicles are not stopping when students are exiting the bus. **Anytime the bus has its' flashing lights on and the stop sign on the driver's side of the bus is out, vehicles are required to stop including when the bus is on private property.** The bus driver is advising that violators will be reported.

FREE FIREWOOD:

Are you or one of your family members interested in free firewood? We currently have excess wood, which is approximately two years old and ready for splitting. This opportunity is open to cottage owners and their families. Please direct questions to the Camp Ground Office. There are a few conditions that apply:

1. In order to begin splitting the firewood, you must contact the Camp Ground Office and make arrangements. You will be given a permission slip. Anytime you are splitting wood, you may be asked for this slip.
2. Firewood that is split is shared equally between the Camp Ground and the party doing the splitting.
3. The half of the firewood remaining at the Camp Ground is to be stacked.

BOOK FOR SALE: *"Growing Up A Camp Ground Kid" 1951-1973*

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to grow up at Lancaster Camp Ground, especially in the 1950's and 1960's? *Growing Up A Campground Kid 1951-1973* is a new book written by cottage owner, Kathy Garrison Elasky. Kathy shares many fond memories of life on the grounds, from green water, slimy pool walls and frogs in the swimming pool to her wedding on a beautiful fall day at the Chapel in the Woods. Even if you are relatively new to the Camp Ground, this book is worth reading. All proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Auditorium Preservation Fund. The books are currently on sale in the Camp Ground Office and makes a great Christmas Gift.

REMEMBER - The Speed Limit is 10 mph - please go slow!



ATTENTION ALL COTTAGE OWNERS

The Auditorium fund raising committee would like to ask for a pledge from all cottage owners. We feel in order to raise funds we must first show the public we are serious about saving the auditorium. We have pledges already coming in and the list is on the office window. We would ask you to fill out the form below and turn it in at the office. Pledge what you can for one year, a little each month or all at once.

example: pledge \$180.00 ---- \$15.00 a month
pledge \$300.00 ---- \$25.00 a month

Pledge as much as you can, even \$5.00 a month will help.

We realize not everyone can pledge. PRAY! Earnest prayer doesn't cost anything, but it can do much when we all join together in faith.

We have taken the stand "FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION" - how about you?

Thank you in advance,
Mike Schleppi and the fund raising committee



I/We pledge a total of \$ _____
to be paid in 12 equal payments of \$ _____ each month starting _____.
Please make a separate check out to the Fairfield County Foundation with "LCG Aud. Fund" in note area. You can give the pledge check to the office when paying your lease. The office will then mail all pledges to the Fairfield County Foundation.

These tax deductible funds will be used for the preservation of the Auditorium.

THANK YOU AGAIN - **WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

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Signature