

Portage Lake Watershed Forever
Council Meeting - March 28, 2017- Farr Center, Onekama

Present: Ted Lawrence, Pat Lawrence, Mary Reed, Al Taylor, Kathy Ervin, Lee Nordloh, Susan Halloran, Bee Capper, Jamie Meister

Absent: Jim Mrozinski, Frank English, Herb Lennon, Jim Simon

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
CALL TO ORDER	Al Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:001	
AGENDA	No additions to the agenda. Capper moved to approve; T. Lawrence seconded.	Agenda approved.
MINUTES	Reed moved to approve. Nordloh seconded.	Minutes approved.
FINANCIAL REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ AES - Little activity this quarter; little change. <p><i>2017 BUDGET</i> - In Simon's absence, Brief discussion about the 2017 budget that had been presented at our February meeting. Ervin moved to accept; Reed seconded. <i>(See attached)</i></p>	Budget approved.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nominating Committee - No report ■ Education & Communication Committee - No report. ■ Water Quality and Environmental Monitoring - T. Lawrence said they would be testing treatment of the narrow leaf and hybrid cattails at the east end of Portage Lake. There is no "best practice" at present for handling this invasive although there are efforts underway. The two options which appear to be most viable are to burn the plants or treat them with some kind of chemical. <p>Swimmers Itch - Lawrence said that the results of the Swimmers' Itch project were not yet available. Reed said that there would be a presentation about prevention of SI at the Lakes & Streams Conference at Crystal Mountain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Membership - Chair Pat Lawrence reported that the membership mailing was completed and was to be mailed the following day. She thanked Reed, Capper, Halloran and Ervin for their help. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fundraising - Halloran reported on the status of plans for the July fundraiser. After a brief discussion about costs, it was determined that: a) we would use the Arens' sound system for music; b) Taylor would contact D. Westerfield and B. Thatcher for auction items; c) Meister would ask Xavier to act as auctioneer; d) Ervin would design invitation, arrange for liquor and bar tenders, and; e) approval was given to raise ticket price from \$60 to \$75 - the first such increase since the fundraisers have been held. (Nordloh moved, Capper seconded) 	See assignments at left.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Publicity - Ervin said that articles had been sent to the PLA for inclusion in its newsletter; Reed, P. Lawrence and Ervin met with MS Creative to update the watershed's website. Taylor said that additional information about the fundraiser would be posted on the PLA Facebook page. 	

NEW BUSINESS

- **Three Lake Sewer Initiative** - Taylor said that information about the project was available at <http://www.onekama.info/three-lakes-cooperative:sewer-initiative-project-2016/> (copy and paste in browser). Ervin said that videos of the three meetings held recently were available for viewing on line at ManisteeTV.org, our local public access television station. General conversation about pros and cons of the project with agreement that there were many questions left to be answered. We concurred that the position of the Council was that we support the concept and await further clarification and details.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Watershed Plan UPDATE** - Brief report on status. Interview of a possible facilitator this week with additional consideration given to make-up of the Steering Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Nordloh moved; Meister seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23

Approved.

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2017