



Minutes for January 9, 2017

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting at Cedarwood Restaurant. And a special thank you to Cedarwood for your wonderful service and the delicious meals, hors d'oeuvres, and yummy dessert. The meeting was called to order by Patti Weirsgalla with the agenda to have members introduce themselves, discuss where decisions stand regarding July 3 fireworks, ask for volunteers, and begin planning for Onamia days and July 3<sup>rd</sup> events. The meeting was attended by 28 members.

## **New Business**

Patti recapped for attending members the bids received for the July Fireworks show, explaining plans for the board to choose the Hollywood organization for the event because they promise the same quality show at comparable costs as Zambeli's, our past vendor. The contract for Onamia Day's carnival is valid until 2018.

The OACA is looking for two people to join the board and help to organize events throughout the year. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 PM. Any interested parties contact the civic association.

Board member Nicole True, will help apply for an entertainment grant for the Onamia Area Civic Association. If awarded, the grant money will enable the OACA to attract bigger name groups for both Onamia days and July 3 events.

The collaboration with advertising plan was discussed and will most likely have a favorable decision at the next meeting. The agreement is between the Onamia School District, Onamia Area Civic Association, and the Mille Las Messenger to combine resources for most advertising expenses throughout the year. This does not include the Onamia Day's Events insert published each year.

The Northern Mille Lac Conversation is meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the Rolf Olson Community Center. The topic of discussion is Respecting Diversity. A light meal will be provided.

The 200 Raffle Ticket sales will be led by Everett Durant again this year with proceeds going to help fund July 3<sup>rd</sup> Event. Everett Durant suggested the board consider booking bands for multiple dates to reduce costs, perhaps by hundreds of dollars.

Bob and Kathy Statz nominated Jim and Joan Ellingson for Onamia Day's Parade Grand Marshall, citing their long time service within the Onamia community. Please submit any additional nominations to the Onamia Area Civic Association.

Beth Twite, PA with Mille Lacs Health System was also nominated for Home Town Hero to show appreciation of the fact she finished school and has come back home to practice.

## **Old Business**

Employee of the Quarter - please send nominations to Dennis Hitzemann at magna1717@yahoo.com

## **Financial Report**

Treasurer Gretta Sorvic will email board new financial before our next meeting in February. We also plan to report numbers from last year's Onamia Days and July 3<sup>rd</sup> events as well.

## **Thank you Notes**

The Onamia Area Civic Association wants to send a special thank Betty Nohner for her years of service organizing the hamburger stand for Onamia Days, and we are appreciative that her organizational skills will be instrumental in handing over the reins this year. In addition, we want to thank Mille Lacs Health System for help setting up and cleaning the hamburger stand each year.

Mary Jackson of the Onamia Depot Library sent a thank you note to the Onamia Area civic association for donating \$500 last year, which is helpful to support many events for the organization.

Jason Donahue also sent a note expressing his gratitude for all the work the Onamia Area Civic Association performs throughout the year, creating benefits and opportunities for surrounding area and businesses.

## **Next Meetings**

Our next meeting will be held 7PM, Monday February 13, 2017 at City Hall. Please bring us your ideas for Onamia Days theme.

Respectfully Submitted by Judy Cotter, OACA Secretary