



Minutes for November 13, 2017

The meeting was opened and the agenda was set to discuss Light up Onamia, Employee of the Quarter, the 2018 Calendar of events, to plan for Annual meeting, discuss current board openings, and identify OACA projects for 2018. The meeting was attended by Marge Agnew, Dennis Hitzemann, Nicole True, Amanda Phillips, Sarah Lancaster, Jenny Ritter, and Judy Cotter.

Old Business

Light up Onamia: Dennis Hitzemann and Amanda Phillips will join participating winners from last year's contest to judge entries for the 2018 contest. Judging will occur on December 11, 2017 before the monthly meeting. Applications for nominating your favorite house and/or business are located at Onamia Drug, Agnew Hardware, and Woodlands Bank. Entries may be dropped at Hardware store, mailed to the Civic Association, or emailed to Judy Cotter at cotterclan2015@gmail.com. Winners will receive a \$50 prize and a yard sign that designates the winning category. Categories include: Most lights, Most colorful, Best house, and Best business.

Employee of the quarter: Sarah Lancaster has volunteered to take over the employee of the quarter program and will work with Sunshine Flower shop and Mille Lacs Messenger to honor our nominees. Mary Kunesh of Mille Lacs Health System was chosen for employee of the quarter this month. She was recognized for her selfless attitude and hard work and dedication to ensure the program, Fare for all, is a success for Onamia area residents.

Scarecrow Contest: Nicole True presented results from the 2017 Scarecrow contest. She received a total of six entries and all were displayed at Cedarwood restaurant for judging. First place went to Mrs. Lancaster's 1st grade class; 2nd place to Mrs. Patterson's 7th grade class; and 3rd place to Mrs. Martin's 1st grade class. The also ran entries include Mrs. Lancaster's junior and senior composition class as well as her 7th & 8th grade honors class, and Mrs. Schlegel's 6th grade class. Thanks to all who participated.

New Business

2018 Calendar of Events/Annual Meeting: The 2018 Calendar of events was finalized at this month's meeting. Judy Cotter will have copies of the new calendar available at the next meeting as well as at the Annual Meeting in January.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is scheduled for Monday January 11, 2017 at Cedarwood Restaurant starting at 6PM for mingling and dinner with the meeting to follow. Cedarwood is working on menu options for guest and invitations will be sent out soon after Christmas. We will also hold election for new board member positions as well.

Projects for 2018: The goals are to create signs for the Soo Line Trail and a new area map that indicates where prospective customers can find area businesses. Sarah Lancaster and Marge are coordinating information from Google Maps as well as maps currently in use within the area.

Attention: In the holiday spirit, our December 11, 2017 meeting will be held at 7 PM at Geno's Bar. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted by Judy Cotter, OACA Secretary