



Minutes for October 9, 2017

The meeting was opened with introductions and welcome for potential new members to the Onamia Area Civic association board. The meeting was attended by Marge Agnew, Nicole True, Judy Cotter, Jenny Ritter, Amanda Phillips, and Sarah Shivers.

Old Business

Employee of the quarter - The board is seeking nominations for employee of the quarter for November's award. Please send us your nomination of a local employee you feel goes above and beyond and deserves recognition. Submit your nomination by filling out the attached form and mailing to PO Box 114, Onamia MN 56359; dropping it by Agnew Hardware store, or emailing to cotterclan2015@gmail.com.

New Business

Scarecrow Contest: Nicole True has made progress with the 2017 Scarecrow contest, which will be judged on Halloween. A few teachers have signed up for the contest thus far. The prizes discussed include \$50 in Onamia bucks to the 1st place winner, \$30 Onamia bucks for 2nd, and \$10 Onamia bucks for 3rd place. Entries have a maximum 48" height limit and will be displayed on stands in store fronts around town. Each will have a sign to show which class made the scarecrow. The top three entries will remain on display (perhaps in bank lobby) until the day after Thanksgiving.

Light up Onamia: The announcement with details for light up Onamia is going out in the city newsletter. Winners from last year's contest will judge this year's entries. Categories for the contest include: Most lights, Most colorful, Best house, and Best business.

Santa Visit: Denise Rancour is doing a fantastic job organizing Santa's Visit this year. The event is scheduled for December 9, 2017 from 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m at the Depot library, and will feature Mike Zea as Santa. In addition, Mrs. Claus will read for the children and a couple of elves will be on hand to take photos.

2018 Calendar of Events/Annual Meeting– Judy Cotter is putting together the calendar of events for 2018 for review at our next meeting. The board is also starting to discuss ideas for the annual meeting. Ideas include holding a dinner, a dinner and dance, and possibly a silent auction.

City Map/ATV trail signs – The idea was proposed to create signs to post along the Soo Line Trail just before town and after town to let riders know that Onamia is ATV friendly. In addition, the idea was posed to post a directory or paper maps of ATV friendly businesses near the Depot Library.

Chili feed- Fundraiser for Boy Scouts- The local Boy Scout troop is hosting a chili feed at the ROC on November 18, 2017 from 4-7pm to help raise needed funds for the troop. They will gladly accept any cash donations for the cause, and they need people who would make a crock pot chili to donate for the night. In addition to charging a fee for chili, they may possibly organize a taste test contest as well. Please contact Amanda Phillips at Amandasue_127@yahoo.com for more information.

Financial Report

Greta Sorvik submitted treasury report for Sept – October is as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$22,224.63
Deposits:	\$1.93
Checks:	-\$2,801.50
Ending Balance:	\$21,425.06

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on November 13, 2017 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Cotter, OACA Secretary