



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting
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**Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association
Annual Meeting**

Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Noon

The Annual Meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association members was called to order by President Ted Martin on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at noon in the Mount Gretna Fire Hall.

After an invocation by Pastor Mike Remel, President Martin introduced the Board of Managers: Pam Bishop, Larry Bowman, Kevin Burd, Mary Kopala, Sally Marisic, Esther Mefferd, Barb Myers, Tammy Travitz, Margaret Hopkins. Justin Williams was not present.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were brought to the floor for approval. Ron Hontz (309 7th Street) noted that at the 2018 Annual Meeting, he asked for a budget report listing all restricted and designated funds and didn't receive that report.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Rick Andrews (401 Bell Avenue), seconded by Doug Lorenzen (503 1st Street).

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Treasurer Sally Marisic presented the financial report.

- The 2018 financial report is currently under review by our CPA firm Garcia Garman & Shea, PC. The review will be posted to the website.
- Copies of all monthly statements are on the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting website. Budget comparisons are possible by comparing reports.
- Receipts are slightly up; utility costs are down slightly.
- Professional fees are down. 75% of that line item, budgeted at \$20,000, goes to insurance (employee and payroll insurance). The remaining 25% is divided between accounting and legal fees.
- General Fund Balance is comparable to 2017 and 2018
 - Budget disbursements are over budget because of several capital improvement expenses

Marisic shared an informational item from the Office: Historical plaques are available from the office at \$125 each. Contact the office by phone or email for details or to purchase.

The 2018 financial report was approved on a motion by Pam Bishop (503 1st Street), second by Esther Mefferd (202 Otterbein).

Superintendent's Report – Doug Cheyney

- Report was distributed on tables (see attached)
- Cheyney noted that he is tracking hours on all tasks in order to help with creating the 2020 budget

Questions for Doug Cheyney:

- Jane Mourer (207 Markwood) asked about maintenance of the community garden at 3rd and 4th streets
- Kelsey Lytle (309 8th Street) noted the stairs at the Community Garden are frequently covered with leaves, resulting in a slip hazard



Tree Report – Margaret Hopkins

- New plantings this past spring: 2 pin oaks, 2 honey locust, 1 plane, 1 bald cypress
- Two hybrid chestnuts planted last fall
- Six additional chestnuts ordered for fall planting; available for memorial trees
- From Bob Houser, certified arborist with whom we contract to ensure tree health:
 - Hemlocks being treated for the wooly adelgid are showing new growth
 - Ash and chestnut oak trees that are being treated are doing well
 - Some of the black oaks are showing thinning. Houser is monitoring this
- MetEd has been contacted about several trees touching wires.

President's Report – Ted Martin (see attached)

- Board of Managers engaged Harbor Engineering (Manheim) to assess several potential infrastructure projects including culverts at Kauffman Avenue and 1st Street/Carter Avenue.
- Update on pump replacement after failure of temporary pump. A Grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection will pay for installation of new pump and upgrading of piping/pipes.
- Investigation continues of options for trash collection

Community comments:

Dave Adams (Mills and 6th) thanked the board for hard work.

Jane Mourer (207 Markwood) thanked the Art School students for their contributions

Esther Mefferd (202 Otterbein) thanked President Martin for his work as Board President

Ron Hontz (309 7th) stated the Chautauqua fire alarm was removed when the parking lot was created in the 1970s. It was not at the request of the Chautauqua residents as stated in the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.

Candidate statements –

President Martin asked the 7 candidates running to serve on the Board of Managers to speak briefly. Candidates Don Dale, Karrie Hontz, Margaret Hopkins, Mary Kopala, Val Swarr, Tammy Travitz, and Pat Wilmsen spoke.

Nominations – there were no nominations from the floor.

Election process –

Pam Bishop outlined the election process including eligibility rules and voting procedures.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report

Superintendent's Report

President's Report