

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) Meeting  
Minutes 11/13/2017**

November 13, 2017 meeting: Held at The American Legion Post 496, 1945 Mogadore Rd., Kent, OH 44240. Opened by President Rick Kruis, K8CAV at 7:00 PM. Rick gave time for all visitors to be introduced

**Sign Ins-**

WB8LCD, KD8ZEZ, KB8UUZ, K8CAV, K8EUR, KD8JRK, KB8UHN, KD8SZI, KD8WZS, AE8YL, KD8SKL, N8SY, N8PXW, WA8CCU, KD8EPG, KD8YXH, WB8OVQ, WD8BIW, KD8MQ, KD8RUQ, KE8HNC, W8RJK, W8SV, K8FS, W8KNO, W8EZT, SD8RAY, AB8PW, N8SKN, WA8GCF, KB8CLH, NR8W, KA8TOA, N8QE, N8XTH, KEGP, W8PT, N8NB, W5OV, WA8SAJ, KD8DFL, K8IV, K8MSH, W8BBQ, KB8ZWT, K8KSU, MONTIE, KD8JRE, KE8EGG, KD8SOP, AC8XO, N1CJW, AC8QG, WD8ICX, N8RLG, K8FEY, N8KBX, KB8TUY, WA8US, KD8FME, AC8NT, WA8UWV, KC8YYS, WA8TSI, PAM, WA8AR, KB8AMZ, KD8WBC, KE8EGF, KB8VJL, N8GPS, K8SWJ, K8QF, N8BI, WB8VYW. 75 TOTAL.

**President's Report- Rick, K8CAV**

Rick's report centered around the theme: "We do a whole bunch!" - describing the many activities we participate in and inviting all members and guests to participate with us in our Fantastic Hobby! Rick spoke of the importance of our elections tonight for the continued success of PCARS in the future. He also encouraged everyone to spend lots of money on 50/50 tickets in support of the Center of Hope. (Rick later had to leave the meeting to run to Staples and purchase additional tickets.) Rick also thanked everyone who donated items to the 50/50 drawing, most especially DXEngineer who was most generous in their donations.

Rick noted that PCARS will dedicate the Vhf/Uhf station at the club site to Jim Aylward – KC8PD as a tribute to his contribution to PCARS and Emergency Communications in Portage County and beyond. Further details to follow. F&CS will also dedicate the tower to Jim at the same time.

**Secretary's Report – Tom – WB8LCD**

The Secretary's Report was emailed out earlier to the members. Tom had several applications for new membership, but because of the busy schedule for this evening said he would hold them until the January meeting.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report: Scott - N8SY Seconded: Erica - AE8YL, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report – Amy, KD8SKL**

Total Expenses \$ 269.98 .

Total Income \$ 274.23 .

Balance is \$ 9809.03 .

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Jim - KC8YYS Seconded: Ron - W8RJK, motion passed.

**Vice President's Report - Jim, AC8NT**

Jim thanked Ed – K8IV for setting up a second receive site for the K8IV repeater to help extend its capabilities to the east from Ravenna. Jim also has put in much time with Steve – K8SRR in rebuilding and reinstalling the Echolink node. It appears to be in good working order now. Jim also reminded everyone of the Christmas Dinner Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustees –**

There was no report from the Trustees this evening.

**SIG Reports:**

Digital SIG – Rick K8CAV – January RTTY Contests – training would be provided

QRP / CW SIG – Terry – KB8AMZ – End Fed Antenna Kit for QRP

Antenna SIG – Tony WA8AR – Free Form Discussion

DX/Contesting – Chuck W8PT – FD 2017 report, New contests on the schedule for 2018,  
FYAO is February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

LINUX for Hams SIG – Terry KB8AMZ – Next meeting January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Ohio State Parks On The Air -**

Parky – KB8UUZ in 2017 there were 58 Parks activated and 79 Logs submitted.

**DXEngineering**

Bob – W5OV had fliers that DXE was looking for employees! Anyone interested should contact him.

**PCARS Election of Officers for 2018**

President: Tom – WB8LCD nominated Jim – AC8NT. Nominations were closed and Jim – AC8NT is President for 2018.

Vice-President: Tom – KB8UUZ nominated Tony – WA8AR. Nominations were closed and Tony – WA8AR is Vice President for 2018.

Treasurer: Tom – WB8LCD nominated Amy – KD8SKL. Nominations were closed and Amy – KD8SKL is Treasurer for 2018

3 Year Trustee: Tom – WB8LCD nominated Ed – K8IV, Amy – KD8SKL nominated Eddie – KD8SOP, and Greg – KA8TOA nominated Terry – KB8AMZ. The trustees presided over a vote and Ed – K8IV is Trustee for the next 3 years (2018/2019/2020)

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45 PM by N8RLG; seconded by AE8YL. Meeting closed.

**50/50 winner:** Bob Fairbanks - N8NB \$850.00

Program: Jim – AC8NT presented a program that PCARS could participate in to put amateur radio into the hands of school age kids. Jim's goal for PCARS is to add 50 people to PCARS under age 40 within the next year!

*Submitted by Tom Sly - wb8lcd, Secretary*