

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) Meeting
Minutes January 8, 2018**

November 13, 2017 meeting: Held at The American Legion Post 496, 1945 Mogadore Rd., Kent, OH 44240. Opened by President Jim Wilson - AC8NT at 7:00 PM. Jim gave time for all visitors to be introduced and the following announcements:

Saturday would be the Open House at the club site from 11 AM to 3 PM Dedication at 1:00PM
The "Extra Class" class would start on Wednesday January 10th.
RTTY Contest at the club site the end of January
Water leaks in the roof at the club site are a continuing problem for us.

Sign Ins-

WB8LCD, KB8UUZ, K8CAV, KD8SKL, N8PXW, WB8OVQ, KD8MQ, W8KNO, WA8GCF, NR8W, N8QE, W8PT, N8NB, W5OV, K8IV, K8MSH, KB8ZWT, KD8SOP, Denise, AC8QG, Dominic, Agnes, Bernadette, Benedict, K8FEY, KB8TUY, AC8NT, WA8UWV, KB8AMZ, KE8EGF, N8GPS, N8BI, WB8VYW, W0KGB, W0LTB, W8NET, KE8IED, KD8SIZ, W8GWI, KD8WHA. 40 Total

Secretary's Report – Tom – WB8LCD

The Secretary's Report was emailed out earlier to the members.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report: Russ - NR8W Seconded: Eddie - KD8SOP, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Amy, KD8SKL (December 2017)

Total Expenses \$602.46

Total Income \$944.02

Balance is \$ 10,174.56

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Parky - KB8UUZ Seconded: Eddie - KD8SOP, motion passed.

Trustees –

The audit was finally completed. Amy did an excellent job.

SIG Reports:

Digital SIG – Rick K8CAV – Even only 1 person showed up for the last sig meeting, they had a good time!

QRP / CW SIG – Terry – KB8AMZ – Operating CW/QRP – tomorrow night.

Antenna SIG – Tony WA8AR

DX/Contesting – Chuck W8PT – FYAO is February 10th, 2018, 10am until 3pm.

Best recipe cook off and wear your Hawaiian Shirt!

We'll be adding some RTTY contesting this year starting 1/27. Training will be given by K3GP.

LINUX for Hams SIG – Terry KB8AMZ – Next meeting January 30th, 2018

Emergency Communications:

Rick – K8CAV talked about the "Communications Unit" being an integral part of the Portage County Department of Homeland Security. They are involved in serving the department with both Amateur Radio and Public Safety Radio equipment and allocations. The Communications Unit can always use additional volunteers so that they can be ready to serve when needed.

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

50/50 winner: Tom - WB8LCD \$110.00

Program: Stan Broadway – N8BHL had been scheduled but had to cancel after falling victim to the nasty flue that has been going around. Tom – WB8LCD did an impromptu presentation on the State of Amateur Radio Worldwide, In the US (especially OH) and PCARS. He also talked about the ARRL and how important our support to them is. They are the only voice we have (in the US) to protect our frequency allocations and our ability to enjoy our hobby.

Submitted by Tom Sly - wb8lcd, Secretary