



Illinois Campers On Mission

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President's Letter—John Lindeman

Dear Fellow COM Members,

As this is my last letter to you as IL COM President, I wanted to thank you for all of the prayers, support, cooperation and hard work during these last four years. You have made the job a joy and a blessing for me. Have there been hard times and difficult choices to make at times and other obstacles in our path in IL COM? Yes there has but working together as brothers and sisters in Christ have made those problems just small bumps in the road and times of drawing on God's wisdom for answers.

The fellowship of this group is like no other and the love for the Lord and for each other is a testimony to the world who see us working on projects as a group, as individuals or as small groups. It can rarely be seen in our world today where people can work together so well and accomplish so much—especially since we are senior adults (at least some of us are).

During my time as President, we have completed 24+ work projects and we kept working on a modified schedule during the COVID period. We have hosted the 2021 National Rally at DuQuoin, consistently worked at our SBC camps and the Children's Home in Carmi, and other work projects. We have also celebrated our 45th Anniversary of IL COM in October, 2020.

May God bless you and keep you as we continue doing the Lord's work under the leadership of our new President and the leadership team. I know you will support him as you have supported me.

John

Isaiah 40:31 But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

COM Officers

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Chaplain—Marilyn Thomson, 618-525-9119

Food Supervisor— Francie Lindeman, 618-713-2402



- 1 Jim Herrin
- 5 Sue Herrin
- 6 Anita Evans
- 7 George Meese
- 10 Catherine Rentfrow

- 21 Red Collins
- 23 Angie Felix
- 24 Joanne Diercks
- 28 Doug Kingsbury III



2022 COM SCHEDULE

December 3, 2022

Christmas Luncheon

Chaplain's Corner

(Editor's Note) Thanks, Francie, for your prayerful and diligent handling of this position for the last 4 years. I know that you and John have made many, many phone calls checking on our members and praying for us all. Thanks for your leading of devotions, your writing of this column each month, and your Godly example to COM members. You have worked hard and prayed hard and cared for us all. We deeply appreciate you and John for all you have done as Chaplains.



Sincerely,

IL COM Members

Christmas Luncheon

It is time to plan for the Christmas Luncheon for our Illinois COM family. Catherine & James Rentfrow have graciously agreed to host us again. Please put it on your calendar!

Date: Saturday, December 3

Location: Farina First Baptist Church, 400 W. Adams Street, Farina

Time: Lunch will be served buffet style at 1 PM

Cost and menu will be determined very soon.

Please make reservations with Catherine

(618-267-7399) by November 18 so

they can have a number for the caterer.



Projects Completed – 3 work days & 2 days of fall rally**Attendees**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Lake Pavilion<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Removed siding on back of buildingb. removed toiletsc. gutted bathroom wallsd. removed existing water linese. Ran new PEX linesf. Installed new shower valveg. closed up walls for winterh. installed new FRP in showers (partial completion)i. painted outside of buildingj. painted inside of building2. Prairie Center<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. removed old white boardb. ran electric and HDMI cords behind TVc. installed decorative brick panelingd. installed TV on walle. extensive deep cleaning of buildingf. removed mold under sinks3. Manager's Residence<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. cut hole in wall and installed new doorb. framed and dry walled to make the hallway into a closetc. stained wood for trim around new door and installedd. moved electrical outlets to put in new doore. cleaned up after4. Dining Hall Conference Room (former manager office)<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. took down wall shelvesb. installed new TV5. Bunkhouse #3<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. caulked around trim, sinks, and showersb. cleaned out bunk bed frames and mattresses to prepare for new floorc. hooked up sinks6. Lake View Center<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. extensive deep cleaning of buildingb. washed windows on both sidesc. repaired plumbing7. Dining Hall<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. washed windows on both sidesb. deep cleaned dining room floorc. washed and ironed curtainsd. organized kitchen pantrye. cleaned, organized and sanitized cleaning closetf. swept all floorsg. repaired some plumbing8. Bunkhouse #1 and #2<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. deep cleaned bathroomsb. wiped down all mattressesc. repaired plumbing9. Misc.<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. removed and put away water slide at lakeb. made 12 As We Go bearsc. sewed and delivered 76 drawstring bags to Morningstar Missiond. conducted Executive Board Meeting for fall meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">John & Francie LindemanDon & Jan KragnessLeroy & Irma BurnettDick & Karen MowersCathryn St. DennisRichard & Anita EvansFred & Paula RileyGary & Karen WatsonAndy & Marilyn ThomsonJim & Marilyn DiercksJames, Logan, Sky, Joanna, Ella, & EvieJames & Catherine Rentfrow |
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Financial report for IL COM as of 9-30-2022

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022		Budget 2023
<u>Income</u>				
Auction	\$3,000.00	\$1,795.00		\$2,000.00
Clothing	\$0.00	\$457.00		\$0.00
Donations, Gifts	\$1,500.00	\$145.00		\$500.00
Background Checks		\$285.90		\$100.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,500.00	\$2,682.90		\$2,600.00
<u>Expenses</u>				
Food (Project)	\$2,500.00	\$2,038.62		\$2,000.00
Evangelism Outreach	\$500.00	\$470.28		\$500.00
SBC Booth	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
COM National Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
Entertainment	\$500.00	\$150.00		\$500.00
Memorials	\$200.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mission Work Project Expenses	\$500.00	\$59.85		\$250.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$50.00
Clothing	\$0.00	\$288.04		\$0.00
Gifts to IBSA Camps	\$10,000.00	\$5,234.00		\$0.00
Background Checks		\$263.71		\$50.00
Region 4 support	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,500.00	\$8,704.50		\$4,550.00

BUDGET COMPARISON		-\$6,021.60		-\$1,950.00
Checkbook Balance		\$3,217.03		
Savings Account		\$5,000.00		

* This budget was voted on and approved at the Fall Rally General Business Meeting, 9-29-2022. There is still \$5,000 in reserve to be given to Lake Sallateeska for an approved project when it is requested that was approved at a past general business meeting. We did not receive as much money as we anticipated from the auction and donations for this past year but expenses were also not as high due to churches providing meals.



Field trip to Morningstar Mission in Joliet to present gifts and view for a possible work week in 2023.





To the new Illinois COM officers for 2023—2024

President—Fred Riley

Vice President/Project Manager—Richard Evans

Treasurer—Dick Mowers

Secretary—Karen Mowers

Chaplain—Marilyn Thomson

Food Supervisor—Francie Lindeman



Thank you to the outgoing officers

President—John Lindeman

Vice President/Project Manager—Leroy Burnett

Chaplain—Francie Lindeman

YOUR WORK HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED!



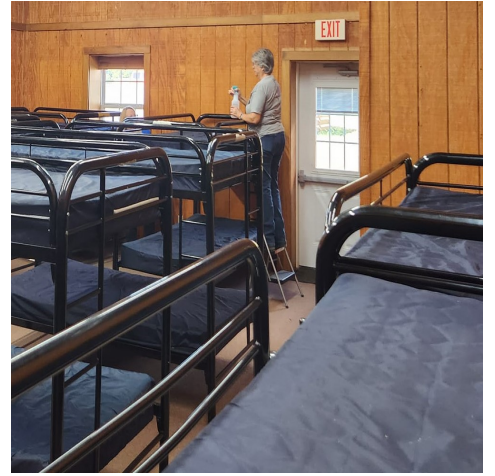
Evangelism sewing ministry—As You Go Bears and drawstring bags for Morningstar Homeless Mission, Joliet.

Cleaning up the camp for the Glory of God

Fall Rally hot dog roast

See You At The Pole COM style
More cleaning!!!!





Helping trim branches at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Streator with Pastor Mike in our free time.



Fall General Membership meeting 9-29-2022

Present: Lindeman, Kragness, Thomson, Evans, Riley, St. Dennis, Watson, Mowers, Rentfrow, Diercks, Burnett

Meeting was called to order by President John Lindeman. Prayer was led by Francie Lindeman. John explained that the reason we hold these business meeting is to let the membership know what is going on and that we are organized and have the plans in mind.

Spring business meeting minutes – motion to accept - Don, second Jim Diercks, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report by Dick Mowers. He referred to the printed financial report and explained some of the reasons for the numbers that were printed. The decision was made to obtain a tax ID number under our organization name and then we opened a savings account to obtain a little bit of interest. Motion to accept -Fred motion, second Leroy, motion passed. John said he appreciated the meticulous way Dick keeps records. Dick also explained the 2023 budget. We don't have dues or any other fund raising so the auction and donations are the only way that COM raises money for the year to cover our expenses. motion to accept - Karen Watson, second Jim Diercks, motion passed.

Food report by Francie asked how the food was being received and all agreed it was good. Our food expenses was nominal because the churches stepped forward. Motion to accept - Anita, Leroy second, motion passed.

Project report – Leroy said the project notes were included in the packet. Several have done individual ministries that are not reported. At this meeting but are reported in our individual Praise Reports.

Chaplain's report by Francie. She thanked everyone who have helped with the devotions for the last four years. Devotions and prayer is what we stand on.

Evangelism/Sewing Report by Irma and Jan. Irma reported that we have sewn 351 As you Go Bears, 76 bags for Morningstar Mission and have also made pillowcases for the mission. 129 Gospel girls and Salavation dolls have also been made. We have dispensed over 500 tags for the bears and dolls. Five have come to the Lord in the last 3 months from using our tools.

Regions 4 Representative Report by Don & Jan Kragness. They have not traveled quite as many miles as last year but have met with many They have been called to do Fair ministry – one to fair goers and one to fair workers – and they are going to be trained this fall to start a ministry in Illinois.

Old business – Background check report is we have done 29 checks with no reportable record found. Expenses are being covered by donations to have them done. **Recommendation from the Executive board** is that all COM members over age 18 be required to have current background checks. Motion passed.

New business - The 2023 National Rally will be held in Michigan and we want to help them in any way they need. Don will keep us informed as to their needs.

Election of officers for 2024 – Pres – Fred Riley, VP – Richard Evans, Treasurer – Dick Mowers, Secretary – Karen Mowers, Chaplain – Marilyn Thomson, Food Supervisor– Francie Lindeman. There were no nominations from the floor. Jim Diercks made motion to accept slate of officers, Motion to close nominations from Dick, Cathryn St. Dennis second. motion passed. Don, Terri & Karen Watson were the 2022 nominating committee.

Announcements/Comments

John said thanks for the cooperation in the last four years and everyone has been so good and worked so hard. The rally was the best ever.

Karen Watson thanked everyone for bringing snacks and helping us keep our expenses down.

Christmas Dinner is the first Sat in December and the meal will be at 1 pm. Dec. 3 is the dinner. The reservations are due the week before Thanksgiving,.

Motion to adjourn Don, Leroy second. motion passed.

Fred Riley closed in prayer.