



## **THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA** (Downtown Optimist)

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### **Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia**

#### **In Person Meeting**

**Monday, August 14, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse**

**Meeting began at 12:00 noon**

**Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Pat Brown, Dave Murphy, Jim Murphy, C.O. Scheffer, Daryl Stockstill, Larry Fick, Barb West, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegen, Rick McKernan, Steve Klein, Carl Scott, and Ed Musterman. By zoom Scott Stager**

**Special Guest: Aleigh Jungman, Compass Health, and a former member Mian Akbar Hussein**

**Invocation: Pat Brown**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Klein**

**Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome Back everyone**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: Pat Brown Birthday was on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, Mian Akbar Hussein birthday is today Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and Donald Moellering join the club in 2001.**

**As usual, thanks to Ed Musterman for picking up food, lining up speakers, and sending announcements. Rick McKernan for sending announcements and making certificates, Mary Dewey for note taking and Carl Scott and Daryl Stockstill for helping with clean up.**

**Pay the pig? Rick McKernan paid \$1.00 for his friend passing College, and on Facebook, Carl Scott paid \$1.00 for Facebook, clean out the grass by Rick and Remember the families in Hawaii, Mary Dewey paid \$1.25 for Facebook pictures, Jerry Sullivan paid a \$.25 for Facebook and Mian Akabar Hussein paid \$.25 for the Hawaii families**

**The board approved entry into a \$50 drawing for whoever invites someone to an Optimist Club event. Mary Dewey won last time. Invite someone to our next meeting or other event and enter to win \$50 on Sept 11. I have entry forms.**

***Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936***

**Minutes from August 7 - are out –Dave Murphy made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 7 club meeting and Deb Swanegan second the motion. Approved by the club members.**

**Treasurer’s Report: As of June 30, the Treasurer’s Report showed we had paid out \$33,162 for grants and programs. We still have about \$10,000 to give out. One funding request for August did not get their application submitted correctly. A second one came in from Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzi, requesting \$7500.**

**Old Business:**

**Meeting info – Next meeting – August 21 – Scheduled speaker – Jill Schlude, Assistant Chief of Police.**

**Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill said, “The weeds growing.” We need to add color to the bed next month.**

**(Skip if Mike not there) Car show – Mike Russell – is looking at September 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hickman High School parking lot.**

**Family Fun Fest – Mary – Next one is August 16. The theme is “Be Prepared”. The location is Albert-Oakland Park. Time is 6-8. Need workers - Sign Up Genius is available.**

**Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build – There is a Sign-Up Genius available. Now is the time to sign up either for prebuild work or the Blitz Build. We need members to start signing up for this project.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8AD29A3F5C25-service>**

**Next work date is this Wednesday. Sign up in an Optimist slot**

**Kids Carnival – Deb Swanegan and Mary Dewey– Back to School Kid’s Carnival with Big Brothers/Big Sisters was August 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 in Big Brothers/Big Sisters parking lot. Everyone had a wonderful time playing with the families and their kids. Thank you everyone who came out to help that night.**

**The Welcome Committee for new members – Kelly Schilling – Free T-shirts is available now for new members. We have one shirt with a collar available for sale for \$20, size XL. T shirts for members \$13.**

**Youth Event – Rick -The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip. Nothing new**

**Deb Swanagen's church event** – Deb's church is having a community event on the 26 of August from 10:00 to 3:00. She invited us to have a booth to promote the SBD and the Downtown Optimist Club. No cost to the club. Will need two or three workers. Will need tables for booth space and SBD Car to display. Just need helpers to come out and help that morning.

**Koeze nuts and Christmas** – Red's customers have all been claimed. Thanks to the members who stepped up to pick up that job. Amish jams for sale are ordered. Christmas trees are ordered and paid for.

**New Business:**

**Other Board business** – As mentioned, we voted to start the process to set up a 501c-3 foundation. Still looking for anyone who has a legal background or who knows someone with a legal background, we could use their help.

**Review of Bylaws** – Please look over the new Bylaws the way OI wants them written

**District Convention** – Mary Dewey - August 18, 19, & 20. Hilton St. Louis Airport.

**Next Board meeting** is August 17. We have NO funding request. 1 funding request for September

**Membership event** – Ed Musterman - We are working on a membership event at Midway.

**Speaker for the Day** – Aleigh Jungman with Compass Health

**Optimist Creed** was recited, and meeting adjourned at

**Jerry Sullivan, President**

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September 2023						
◀ Aug 2023						Oct 2023 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>Labor Day NO MEETING</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Elizabeth "Tizzie" O'Connell Kids 1 <sup>st</sup> Optimist & Lindsay Wulff Sunrise Optimist Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Joanne Nelson Director of Boone County Community Services Dept. Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	19 Kids 1 <sup>st</sup> Appreciation Picnic at Twin Lake Park 2500 Chapel Hill Road, Columbia Doors open at 5:30 PM, Food served at 6:00 PM	20 Family Fun Fest "Creative Kids" Albert-Oakland Park 5:00 to 8:00 pm	21 Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 6:00 pm	22	23
24	25 Cheryl Bren Exec Director of Optimist International Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	26	27 "NOW Event" At Midway New Golf From 5:00 to 7:00 pm	28	29	30

**9/19-9/28 – Habitat BlitzBuild: 4 houses in 10 days!**

