



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 noon

Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Daryl Stockstill, Pat Brown, Kenny Oster, Mike Hachett, Barb West, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegen, Rick McKernan, Steve Klein, Carl Scott, Trevor Harris, Mian Akbar Hussein, Steve Winter, Jim Murphy, and Ed Musterman. By zoom Scott Stager

Special Guest: Caroline Canie and Stephanie Markin, Daniel Boone Regional Library, Deb Swanegan's grandson Gabe, and Beverly Ken Oster Wife

Invocation: Mary Dewey

Pledge of Allegiance: Ed Musterman

Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome Back Ken Oster and Steve Winter

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Deb Swanegan and Donald Moelling Birthday, Thursday, August 30 and Carl Scott joined the club on August 31, 1999, Jack Cruise joined the club on September 1, 1979, James Murphy joined the club on September 1, 1982, Brett Sappington joined the club on September 1, 1979, and Kelly Schilling joined the club on September 7, 2017.

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? Steve Winter \$.25 for his daughter is now a full air pilot, Rick McKernan \$1.00 for No Name Tag, and Facebook pictures, Caroline \$.25, Jerry Sullivan \$1.00 for Facebook pictures, Carl Scott \$.25 for pictures on Facebook and \$.25 for 50 years today Martin Luter King Speak, Steve Klien \$.55 for Facebook pictures, Deb Swanegan \$1.00 for Facebook pictures, and Mary Dewey \$1.50 for Facebook pictures.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

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.

Minutes from August 7th Mike Hachett made a motion to approve the August 7th minutes and Deb Swanegan 2nd it. The club approved them. August 14th, and 21, will come later.

Treasurer's Report: As of June 30, the Treasurer's Report showed we had paid out \$33,912 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. Still waiting on CYBA rest of their paperwork.

Old Business:

Meeting info – Next meeting – September 4 NO MEETING, September 11, Scheduled speaker Dr. Heather McCullar, CPS Steam Specialist.

Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill said, “Watered and killed/pulled the weeds.” We need to add color to the bed next month.

Family Fun Fest – The last one will be on September 20th the theme is “Creative Kids”. 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

The Welcome Committee for new members – Kelly Schilling – Free T-shirts are 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 McKernan-The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip. He is looking for 10 members to help find locations in the City of Columbia parks for the cantons.

Deb Swanagen's church event – Was on Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. A good time was had by all. If you get a chance, stop by the church sometimes and see the stained-glass windows that Deb did for the church. Thank you, Steve Klein, Carl Scott, Jerry Sullivan, and Rick McKernan who came, out and talked the people about Optimist and brought out the soap box derby car.

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. Steve Winter said, “We have the same restaurants as last year.” They are D’Rowes, Murry’s, Addisions/Sophia and House of Chow.

New Business:

From Board Meeting- (left over from earlier meeting) New member- Trevor Harris has applied and check for membership. In keeping with the by-laws, he has passed his background check and been approved by the membership and the Board of Directors. He will be sworn in next week. Another new member, Akbar Hussein, has submitted his dues, passed his background check, and was approved by the board pending approval by membership. Akbar- please step back to the back room for a minute. We will do swearing ceremonies for both as a new member next week. Welcome Akbar. Both new members were sworn in as new members of the Downtown Optimist Club. They were giving their new members a pin and certificate.

Other Board business – We started discussion about how to proceed with the 501c-3. We got stuck on the first step- deciding our purpose or the 501c-3. Is it to support the Soap Box Derby? Raise money for kids? Start an endowment? Should the Soap Box Derby be the 501c-3? Anyway, further discussion is ongoing, and Rick McKernan is being consulted about his opinion on how best to proceed.

Review of Bylaws – Second Announcement -We need to revisit the bylaws. OI has a template that we need to follow, and our current bylaws do not follow that template. Also, we voted on a change to our bylaws that is not allowed by OI. In keeping with our current bylaws, we need to announce at three meetings that we will be voting on bylaw changes. Consider this the first announcement. Voting will occur on September 11. We will need a quorum of 18 or 19 members that day. I will briefly run through the changes today and will have a more organized report for September 11.

Jack Beard requested permission to invest \$50,000 to \$60,000 of our money that is in savings into a Money Market with Vanguard to gain more interest. Passed

District Convention – Mary Dewey - East Missouri Optimist District 1st qtr. Conference will be held at the Marriott Court here in Columbia, MO. Like to see everyone there. Please put on your calendar these other dates for the other conference are February 23-24 by Zoom, May 3-4 in Washington, MO, and August 16-18 back here in Columbia at the Marriott Court,

Policy and Procedure Manual- Deb Swanegan and Mary Dewey will be working on this job. They are accepting any suggestions from members to add to the manual.

Next Board meeting is September 20. We currently have 1 funding request from Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzzi for \$7500.

NO information yet on our handicap parking space, will be more than we want to spend but the information will be helpful.

Membership event – Ed Musterman - We are working on a membership event at Midway Top Golf for September 27th. We have reserved two Emerald Club Toptracer Bays for 2 hours from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Maximum of 12 people. Sign up will start at the September 11 meeting. Bring anyone who would make a good Optimist member and no golf skill required.

Speaker for the Day – Stephanie Markin and Caroline Caine from the Dainel Boone Reginal Library

Optimist Creed was recited, and meeting adjourned at

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September 2023						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labor Day NO MEETING	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Elizabeth "Tizzie" O'Connell Kids 1 st 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 st 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!