



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 noon

Members in attendance: Jerry Sullivan (President), Mary Dewey, Barb West, Deb Swanegan, C.O Scheffer, James Murphy, Carl Scott, Ed Musterman, Rick McKernan, Larry Fick, Pat Brown, Jack Cruise, Mike Hachett, and Daryl Stockstill.

Invocation: Rick McKernan

Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Cruise

Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome Back Jack Cruise

Special Guests: Sean Spence author of "Breaking Barriers: Disability History in the United State." Deb Swanegan's grandson Gabe.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

As usual, thanks to Ed for picking up food, lining up speakers, and sending announcements. Rick for sending announcements and making certificates, Mary for note taking and Carl for helping with clean up.

Pay the pig? Rick paid \$.25 for Tony's daughter making it out of the 1st around of the Soap Box Derby, \$.25 for Zane Arnold and another \$.25 for meeting and talking to the International winner from Warrensburg, MO. Jerry paid a \$.25 for not letting Daryl know where his new name tag was at in the name tag box.

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 to the BBQ (need to have food order by tomorrow) and enter to win \$50 on Sept 11. I have entry forms.

Minutes from July 17– 1st motion by Ed Musterman 2nd by Barb West Vote o approved

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

Treasurer's Report: (Need new info) As of June 30, the Treasurer's Report was showing we had paid out \$20,662.00 for grants. We have about \$10,000 to still give out. One funding request for August.

Old Business:

Meeting info – Next meeting – July 31 – Speaker is Aleesha Coke, Moberly Area Community College.

BBQ at the clubhouse - Thursday, July 27 at 6:00. The dinner is just a social event. Spouses and guests welcome. \$10 per head. Prospective members eat free. Pork steaks and brisket from Big Daddy's are on the menu. Great time to bring a guest. We will need a head count to be sure we have enough food. Need you signed up by tomorrow **PAY AT THE DOOR. Prospective members and kids eat free.**

Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill is the new chair of the Adopt a Spot Committee. He and his wife, Kathy, have already been out pulling weeds and making it pretty. Our spot is across the new County Club Golf .

Car show – Mike Russell – is looking at September 16th or 23rd. Hickman High School parking lot.

Derby update – Rick or Tony – The drivers will be our speaker at our August 7th meeting.

Family Fun Fest – Mary – Next one is August 16. Theme is “ Be Prepared” Location at 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.

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

Next work date is this Wednesday. Sign up in Optimist slots.

Show Me State Games – Jake - July 23 and 30 – Sign Up Genius is available. Thanks to the workers for yesterday Larry (all day), Jim, Mary, Barb, Steve W. Carl and Pat.

Kids Carnival – Deb and Mary – Back to School Kid's Carnival is Tuesday, August 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 in Big Brothers/Big Sisters parking lot. Need helpers about 3 to 5.

Welcome Committee for new members - Kelly – Some t-shirts are available now for new members depending on the size you need. Additional shirts are ordered. We have two shirts with collars available for sale \$20, size XL.

Youth Event – The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip. – Rick– likely moved to fall.

Deb's church event – Deb's church is having a community event on the Saturday August 26 from 10:00 will be setting up 11:00 to 3:00 pm. She invited us to have a booth to promote the SBD and the Downtown Optimist Club. No cost to the club. Will need 2 to 4 workers. Will need tables for booth space and a SBD Car to display.

Koeze nuts sale – 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.

New Business:

Results of Board Meeting - New Member – Trevor Harris has submitted an application 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. The only task left is to swear him in. Trevor, please come forward. After swearing Trevor in, opportunity to tell a bit about himself.

Other Board business – we voted to start the process to become a 501c-3 organization. Anyone who has a legal background or who knows someone with a legal background, we could use their help. Foundation away from the club

The Board voted to fund Compass Inc. for \$750 to provide scholarships to needy students for their musical education programs.

District Convention – Mary - August 18, 19, & 20. Hilton St. Louis Airport. Discount rooms available by calling the hotel 314-426-5500 before July 28. Request the East Mo Optimist Block. I have an application form for anyone who wants to attend. See me after the meeting. I'll have Jack send in our registration all together with our fee payment.

Next Board meeting is August 16. We have one funding request for \$2500 from the Columbia Foster and Adoption Project “to offset the cost of office furniture and other supplies” to “a comfortable and welcoming space to the foster and adoptive families we support.”

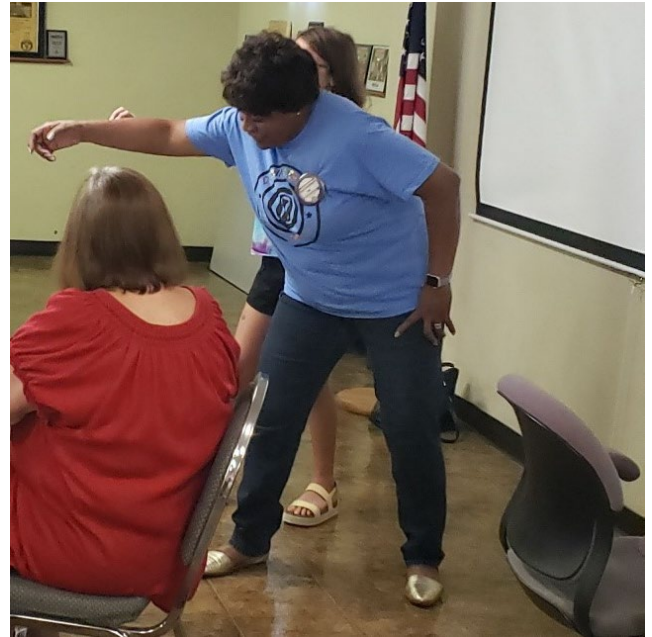
We will work on details and a date for a membership event, maybe at Midway.

Speaker for the Day – Sean Spence author of “Breaking Barriers: Disability History in the United State.”

Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at

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Deb (Storyteller) from BBQ on Thursday



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 International	3 Convention No Meeting	4 Until	5 End	6	7	8	
9	10 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker ??	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker C. O. Scheffer	18	19	20	21	22	
23 Show Me State Games	24 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Sean Spence New Book Breaking Barriers Disability History	25	26	27 Downtown Optimist Club Party at 6:00 pm Cost \$10.00	28	29	
30 Show Me State Games	31 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Aleesha Coke from Moberly Area Community College						