



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

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

#### **In Person Meeting**

**Monday, July 31th, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse**

**Meeting began at 12:00 noon**

**Members in attendance: Jerry Sullivan (President), Mary Dewey, Barbrea West, Deb Swanegan, C.O. Scheffer, Jake Jolly, Steve Klein, Carl Scott, Ed Musterman, Rick McKernan, Larry Fick, and Daryl Stockstill. Zoom: Scott Stager**

**Invocation: Larry Fick**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Daryl Stockstill**

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

**Special Guests: Aleesha Coke, Moberly Area Community College, Deb Swanegan's grandson Gabe.**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Klein wedding anniversaries on August 4<sup>th</sup> 30 years**

**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. Also a large thank you to anyone who helped in any way with the BBQ. Steve, Reng and Becca Winters for help with set up and providing dessert; Ed for picking up the meat, Ed and Larry for keeping track of who was coming and collecting money, my wife for fixing the beans and helping me shop; Rick and the Old Wheels Car Club for helping with set up; Carl for helping with set up and clean up; several others who helped with clean up – notably Daryl and Kathy Stockstill. It was Kathy's first time here and she ended up doing dishes.**

**Pay the pig? Deb paid \$.25 for being on Facebook for the new born baby in their family, and Carl paid \$.25 for no name tag.**

**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.**

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

## Minutes from July 31

**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. We took in \$360. We had 12 prospective members and kids ate free. Total cost for the dinner was \$480.33.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hickman High School parking lot.

**Derby update** – Rick or Tony – The drivers will be our speaker at our August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 wants to Thank everyone who helped the last two weekends.

**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 Zane Arnold will be there with his car.

**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. C.O. said “He want to change some of the tree out with the ones that sold better but, can’t this year.”

**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** – As mentioned last meeting, we voted to start the process to become a 501c-3 organization. Still looking for anyone who has a legal background or who knows someone with a legal background, we could use their help.

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 had one funding request for \$2500 from the Columbia Foster and Adoption Project “to offset the cost of office furniture and other supplies” to provide “a comfortable and welcoming space to the foster and adoptive families we support.” Their financial information has not passed screening as yet.

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

Rick says he will need a couple of club members to help find places in the City of Columbia Parks where they can set up a Geo tube. The event will take place in October. Need 10 spots for the tube to be hidden. \$2 Thousand and \$2 Hundred for the bus for Jefferson City to see the 3 branches of government offices.

**Speaker for the Day** – Aleesha Coke, Moberly Area Community College more information will come later in next week newsletter.

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

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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Carmelina Parisio, MMSBD Stock Division Lane Arnold, MMSBD Masters Division Speaker for 12:00	<b>8</b> Big Brothers/Big Sisters Kids Carnival 4:30 to 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> Celebrate Community Meeting, DOC Clubhouse	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Aleigh Jungman, Compass Health speaker for 12:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Family Fun Fest "Be Prepared" Albert Oakland Park from 5:00 to 8:00	<b>17</b> Board Meeting Clubhouse at 6:00	<b>18</b> OI EMO 4 <sup>th</sup> Q Conference, StL Hilton Airport Hotel	<b>19</b> OI EMO 4 <sup>th</sup> Q Conference, StL Hilton Airport Hotel Hallsville Optimist Fish Fry
<b>20</b> OI EMO 4 <sup>th</sup> Q Conference, StL Hilton Airport Hotel	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> PMC Community Block Party from 10 to 3 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Caroline Caine: The Orphan Train speaker for 12:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		