



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, September 11, 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, Tony Parisio, Nadia Ryakmatullov, Charlie Langreder, C.O. Scheffer, Jim Murphy, and Ed Musterman. By zoom Scott Stager

Special Guests: Presidents of Kids First (Elizabeth “Tizzie” O’Connell), Sunrise (Lindsay Wulff) (will need to let Lindsay speak as soon as she arrives as she has a short lunch and needs to get back to work), and Midway (Ken Zahringer) Optimist Clubs. Deb Swanegan’s grandson Gabe, Rick Mckernan’s Friend Jeremy Garner, Syreta Toson and Beverly Ken Oster Wife

Invocation: 9-11 Remembrance Attached to this email

Pledge of Allegiance: Charlie Langreder

Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome Back Nadia Ryakmatullov

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Charlie Langreder 84th Birthday was Saturday, September 9th

As usual, thanks 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? Nadia Ryakmatullov paid \$.25 for NO Name Tag, Carl Scott paid a \$1.00 for NO Name Tag and for the Remembrance 9-11.

The board approved entry into a \$50 drawing for whoever invites someone to an Optimist Club event. Drawing is now. Mary wins again.

Get to know new members – wanted to do this last time but ran out of time. Trevor Harris is a 1st time member for the 2nd time. He came to the club meeting when they met

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downtown at the Boone Tavern. He is a grant manger for the Missouri River Relief. He is married, has 2 dogs and a landlord.

Minutes from August 21 and 28 - Vote to approve. For next week when Mary Dewey sends out the correct newsletters out

Treasurer's Report: As of July, the Treasurer's Report was showing we had paid out \$33,912 for grants and programs. We have about \$12,000 to still give out. Two funding requests for September – Steve - Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzi, requesting \$7500 and Columbia Youth Basketball Association requesting \$600 and one request for October approval – Ronald McDonald House for \$990.

Old Business:

Meeting info – Next meeting – September 18 – Scheduled speaker – Joanne Nelson, Director, Boone County Community Services Dept.

Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill said, “Nothing New”

Family Fun Fest – Mary Dewey – Next one is Sept 20. Theme is “Creative Kids”. 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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8AD29A3F5C25-service> Sign up in an Optimist slot. To sign up for the actual blitz build days, I've been told, you need to go to the Habitat for Humanity web site. Starts September 19th.

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.

Koeze nuts – Steve pick up catalogues, presidents' letters, order forms and Order pads and start selling – 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. Frist order is due October 22. Make sure you pick up your catalogs and your list who you sold last year.

New Business

Other Board business – 501c-3 – No progress - Likely on hold until next board meeting. We started discussion about how to proceed with the 501c-3. We got stuck on the first step – deciding our purpose for the 501c-3. Is it to support the SBD? Raise money for kids? Start an endowment? Should the SBD actually be the 501c-3? Anyway, further discussion is ongoing and Rick is being consulted about his opinion on how best to proceed.

Review of Bylaws – Third and final announcement – We will vote today. 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. I'll briefly run through the changes. Vote required (must have a quorum). Tony Parisio made the motion to approve the new by-laws and Deb Swanagen 2nd the motion. 19 yay and 0 nay

Jack requested permission to invest \$50,000 to \$60,000 of our money that is in savings into a Money Market possibly with Vanguard in order to gain more interest. Passed. Phyllis has created a letter of authorization.

Policy and Procedure Manual – Deb and Mary are going to work on this job. They are accepting any suggestions members have about what should be included in the manual.

Next Board meeting is September 20. We currently have three funding requests. One from Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzi for \$7500, one from Columbia Youth Basketball for 600 and one for October approval from Ronald McDonald House for \$990.

Still no information on our handicap parking space. Will likely be more money than we want to spend but the information will be helpful.

Membership event – Date and location are set. We have reserved two Emerald Club Toptracer Bays for two hours each from 5:00 to 7:00 on September 27. Maximum of 24 people. Sign-ups start today. Anyone you know who would make a good Optimist member needs to be invited to this event. Golf skills not required. They will be paired with players of similar skill levels. Sign up process – email jsulliva@mineralarea.edu or text 573-701-4122. Will need name, email address and phone number and how many times per year they play. Prize for the winner in each bay and a prize for the member who gets the most prospects to attend. Hand out hand bills. There are 4 bases that we reversed. You don't have to have any golf skill to come and play golf.

Pickleball – Mark your calendar – April 6 – tentative plan for a DOC Pickleball tournament. Combination fundraiser and new membership activity. New Activity Center south on 63 near Discovery Parkway.

Speakers for the Day – Club Presidents from Kids First, Sunrise, and Midway Optimist Clubs.

President Lindsey Wulff from Sunrise Optimist: Their club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner. They have their board meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month. In January they have a wild game dinner, and trivia night on another month. These are 2 of the fundraisers. Their main way they raise money is working at the Columbia College Games in their concession stand there are 6 teams with 4 people in each team but, only 2 at a time can work a night. They have 29 members in their club.

President “Tizze” from Kids 1st Optimist Club: They have 18 members and they meet at Dicky BBQ. This year they gave out 18 thousand and 1 dollars for donations. They host Poker games at American Legion every Friday night at 6:00 pm. They have a Trivia night for Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center which is also held at the American Legion. They hosted 3 bus trips this year which they make a little money. Other social activities they had was going to level up for bowling and laser tag, Christmas Party in December and a Cook out for all the people they gave money for that year. More you put in the more you will get out of it.

President Ken Zahringer from Midway Optimist: They have 12 members and they meet 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:00 am for breakfast at the Perche Creek Café. Some fundraiser they had before Covid-19 were Pancake at Midway Elementary School and Cow BINGO. They are going to try to start back up the Pancake breakfast this year in January. They sponsored cub pack. They are now talking to the new principal about Optimist.

Jim Murphy wanted to Thank Tony Parisio and Adam Bako for coming out last Saturday and help build 2 new tree stands and fix up others that need to be fixed. The drills will come out in a couple week to make sure they ready for then trees come in.

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