



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person/ Zoom Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 noon

Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Larry Fick, Kenny Oster, Mike Hachett, Barb West, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegen, Rick McKernan, Carl Scott, Nadia Ryakmatullov, Akbar Hussein, Steve Winter, Jim Murphy, Jack Curtis, Trevor Harris, Jake Jolly and Ed Musterman. By zoom Scott Stager and Max Miller

Special Guests: Rick - Cheryl Brenn, Exec Dir., Optimist International

Two Members having surgery this week -Steve Klein and Pat Brown – Hope all goes well and they both have a speedy recovery

Invocation: Nadia Ryakmatullov

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Hachett

Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome back to Jake Jolly and Jake Curtis

Forgot to let you all know the following birthdays/anniversaries: Scott Stager joined the Club on September 26, 2003, Robert Oster joined the club on September 27, 2022, and Dave Murphy birthday on September 28th.

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 for helping with clean up.

Pay the pig: Nadia Ryakmatullov paid \$.25 for no name tag, Mary Dewey paid \$.50 for Facebook, Carl Scott paid \$.25 for Deb's help at the Family Fun Fest, \$.25 for Mizzou being at 22th in the coaches poll and Kansas at 24th, and Rick paid \$.25 for the KU Football team/

Minutes from September 18 – Akbar Hussein made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 18th meeting and Mike Hachett 2nd the motion. Everyone approved them.

Treasurer’s Report: As of August, the Treasurer’s Report was showing we had paid out \$35,252 for grants and programs. We approved another \$8,100 at our last board meeting bring the total for the year for grants and scholarships to \$43,352. Three funding request for October – Steve Ronald McDonald House- who already made their presentation asking for \$990, Dream Tree Academy 573, Raymond Hall presenting asking for \$2599 and???

Old Business:

Meeting info –Next meeting with our New President Mike Hachett will be on October 2 here at the clubhouse. Scheduled speaker is our own longtime member – Larry Fick

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

Family Fun Fest – Mary Dewey – She likes to thank everyone who help this summer at the Family Fun Fest. Really like to Thank Carl Scott and Deb Swanagan for all their hard work this past Wednesday getting everything set up on time.

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build – Starts this week. Need workers. 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. Ashley told Rick “That it is too late to sign up to work but, you can still come out and help.” Carl has signed up to help on Tuesday, September 19 and Thursday, 21.

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 McKernan-The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip postponed until the spring.

Koeze nuts – Steve pick up catalogues, presidents’ letters, order forms and Order pads and start selling– Frist order is due on October 23rd .

New Business

Board meeting –

Approved 2 funding requests: One from Fun City Academy, Bonnie Yantzi for \$7500. and another from Columbia Youth Basketball for \$600 and heard the prestation for October approval from Ronald McDonald House for \$990

501c-3 – We’ve taken the next baby step to develop the by laws and select the board. We’ll keep you posted.

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 Swanagen and Mary Dewey are going to work on this job. They are accepting any suggestions members have about what should be included in the manual.

Next year’s OI Convention will be June 23-26 Niagara Falls – Canadian side

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. Anyone you know who would make a good Optimist member needs to be invited to this event. Golf Skills not required. They will be grouped with players of similar skill levels. Sign up process is out the window- just show up and we’ll get you started. Prizes for the winner in each bay and prize for the member who gets the most prospects to attend.

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.

Dates of note – 1. Next East Mo District meeting – October 13-14 (I have sign up form) – We are collecting items for the Ronald McDonald at this meeting House Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia. 2. October 19 – Kids First – bus trip to Hannibal – 8:00 to 5:00.

PRIDE Report and thank you

Install new President- Mike Hachett please come forward.

Speaker for the Day – Rick – Cheryl Brenn, Exec Dir. Optimist International

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
					1	2
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

October 2023						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 "Spotlight" on our club member Larry Fick Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Todd Cully CEO and General Manager of Boone Electric Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	10	11	12	13 1st Qtr. Conference at the Courtyard by the Marriott in Columbia	14 1st Qtr. Conference at the Courtyard by the Marriott in Columbia
15	16 NO SPEAKER Yet at Noon at the Clubhouse	17	18	19 Kids 1 st Optimist Club Bus Trip to Hannibal from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for \$130 Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 6:00 pm	20	21
22	23 Heather McCullar. STEAM Specialist, Columbia Public Schools Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Justin Anthony, Moving Ahead Program, Columbia Housing Authority. Speakers at Noon at the Clubhouse	31				