



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 noon

Members in attendance: Jerry Sullivan (President), Mary Dewey, Barbra West, Dave Murphy, Tony Parisio, James Murphy C.O. Scheffer, Jake Jolly, Steve Klein, Carl Scott, Ed Musterman, Rick McKernan, Larry Fick, and Daryl Stockstill. Zoom: Scott Stager

Special Guests: Soap Box Derby Winners – Carmelina Parisio and Lane Arnold and family members. Scott Alpers and Jill Schlude

Invocation: Dave Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance: Barb West

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries: N/A

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 Stocksill for helping with clean up.

Pay the pig: Carl Scott paid \$.25 for something I am not sure for what?

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.

Mary Dewey hand out the Respect of the Law gift to Lieutenant Scott Alpers of the South Patrol Bureau and Assistant Chief Jill Schlude of the North Patrol Bureau. Mary Dewey form the Downtown Optimist Club, and some members from the Kid's 1st and Sunrise Optimist Club made up over 200 M &M candy with messages for all the members of the

City of Columbia Police Department for Respect the Law. One side of the note let's them know what each color of the M & M means and on the other side a police prayer. Here is a picture of Mary Dewey with Scott Alpers and Jill Schlude.



Minutes from July 24 and 31st: Dave Murphy made the motion and Rick McKernan 2nd the motion and the minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: As of June 30, the Treasurer's Report was showing we had paid out \$33,162 for grants and programs. We have about \$10,000 to still give out. One funding request for August didn't get their application submitted correctly.

Old Business:

Meeting info – Next meeting – August 14 – Scheduled speaker – Aleigh Jungman with Compass Health.

Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill said “The weeds are growing after this rain we had last week.” If anyone has any extra plants and want to donate them to us adopt spot that will be great.

(Skip if Mike not there) Car show – Mike Russell – is looking at September 16th or 23rd. Hickman High School parking lot.

Derby update – Rick McKernan said “Someone called him from Prairie Home, Arkansas and wanted to know about our soap box derby for their grandson.” We are the closest derby from them to take part in. Let’s see if they come in next year.

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

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

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

Rick McKernan let us know that Wednesday, August 8th there will a zoom meeting with all the club presidents from all the organizations in Columbia, MO with the International President Bob at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be talking about the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Building.

Kids Carnival – Deb Swanegan and Mary Dewey – Back to School Kid’s Carnival is August 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 in Big Brothers/Big Sisters parking lot. We had a great turn out of kids that night. Here are two pictures from that night.



Welcome Committee for new members – Kelly Schilling – Free t-shirts are available now for new members. We have two shirts with collars available for sale \$20, size XL. T shirts for members \$13.

Youth Event – Rick -The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip. We will need 10 volunteers to help find 10 great spots in different City of Columbia Parks.

Deb Swanegan’s church event – Deb’s church is having a community event on the 26 of August from 10:00 to 3:00. She invited us to have a booth to promote the SBD and the Downtown Optimist Club. No cost to the club. Will need two or three workers. Will need tables for booth space and Soap Box Derby Car to display.

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.

New Business:

Other Board business – As mentioned, we voted to start the process to set up a 501c-3 foundation. Still looking for anyone who has a legal background or who knows someone with a legal background, we could use their help.

District Convention – Mary Dewey - August 18, 19, & 20. Hilton St. Louis Airport. Jack has our application to send in our registration all together with our fee payment.

Next Board meeting is August 17. We had one funding request for \$2500 from the Columbia Foster and Adoption Project. Their request did not pass screening requirements as yet.

Membership event – Ed Musterman- We are working on a membership event, maybe at Midway.

Speakers for the Day – Rick -Soap Box Derby winners –

Carmelina Parisio: Soap Box Derby in the stock division race there was 69 drivers. She made it through the 1st round and lost in the 2nd round. If she would have won she would have been in the top 9. She had a great time but, didn’t like the single elimination. She met a racer name Joe he was from Japan who she beat in the first round. She lost her 2nd round by .004 seconds. She loved rock climbing and going to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with her family.

Lane Arnold: Soap Box Derby in the Master there were 66 drivers. He had a lot of fun racing down the hill and meeting new friends. He didn’t like the single elimination and waiting between heats. He picked up a lot of stuff after the parade that was on main street. His mom went with him.

Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Carmelina Parisio, MMSBD Stock Division Lane Arnold, MMSBD Masters Division Speaker for 12:00	8 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Kids Carnival 4:30 to 6:30 pm	9 Celebrate Community Meeting, DOC Clubhouse	10	11	12
13	14 Aleigh Jungman, Compass Health speaker for 12:00 pm	15	16 Family Fun Fest "Be Prepared" Albert Oakland Park from 5:00 to 8:00	17 Board Meeting Clubhouse at 6:00	18 OI EMO 4 th Q Conference, StL Hilton Airport Hotel	19 OI EMO 4 th Q Conference, StL Hilton Airport Hotel Hallsville Optimist Fish Fry
20 OI EMO 4 th Q Conference, StL Hilton Airport Hotel	21 Assistant Chief of the North Patrol Bureau Jill Schlude Speaker for 12:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26 PMC Community Block Party from 10 to 3 pm
27	28 Caroline Caine: The Orphan Train speaker for 12:00 pm	29	30	31		