



# Optimist Club of Brentwood



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## **Brentwood Optimist Minutes August 26, 2019**

Members attendance: David Gaehle, Jennifer Keeling, Mary Meers, Mike Nappier, Sherry Nappier John Roark, Emily Seitz, Carl Westenbarger, and Sallie Westenbarger

Guest attendance: Edison Seitz

Mike Nappier made a motion to accept July 13th minutes. John Roark 2nd. Motion carried.

Mike Nappier made a motion to accept the July 31st treasurer's report. John Roark 2nd. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Goff-Moll Post 101 The American Legion**

Optimist Members,

On behalf of Goff-Moll Legion Post, and its members, I want to thank you, and your club for the most generous donation of \$1,000.00 for our post youth fund.

Our programs seem to be growing larger every year, not only for our youth, but also with our programs for the men and women who are on active duty, as well as the veterans at home, and their families. With this contribution it will enable us to continue the programs with the quality that we have.

We are very grateful for your organization, your membership and what they do for the community, and the friendship of your and our organization have had over the years.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/Sallie Westenbarger, Commander

#### **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**

Thank you for your recent gift to the National MS Society!

We are so grateful you chose to make a donation to change the world for people affected by MS. Your National Multiple Sclerosis generosity is making our mission of stopping MS in its Society tracks, restoring function that's been lost and ending

MS forever closer to reality than ever before. Thank you for fueling breakthroughs for the nearly 1 million people living with MS in the United States!

Thank you for supporting the National MS Society. We are so grateful!

Warmly,

/s/Aleah Van Horne

PS—will you send me your email address? I'd love to be able to send you emails about research updates you make possible, invites to upcoming webinars and more!

#### **St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the St. Louis Veterans Home Assistance League, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 on July 23rd in memory of Ray Nappier..

Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation.

I am happy to report the STL Veterans Home Assistance League has received there 501 (c)(3) approval. Please make future checks payable to STL Veterans Home Assistance League or STLVHAL. We can provide you with our federal tax information upon request.

Again, thank you for your support. You have made a real difference in the lives of the veterans we all serve.

Sincerely,

/s/Rosemarie W. Hauck, President

#### **Family Forward**

Dear Mary,

Thank you and the Brentwood Optimist board for the gift of \$300.00 to benefit Family Forward. Your donation supports our agency's work to build safer, healthier relationships for children and families.

"Just seeing my daughter smile and laugh and be a kid again means everything to me. I feel I have my daughter back; you gave me that and I can't thank you enough. "

- A thank you letter from the mother of a young client

Because of your contribution, we can touch the lives of so many children and family members who are now able to smile again. We are proud of that accomplishment — and you should be too.

The need for services — therapy, foster care, residential and respite care for children with disabilities, and more — is still great, but together we can continue to give children back their childhoods. We are committed to those who need us and are pleased to have you join us in our journey forward. Your gift is greatly appreciated and ensures families have the tools and resources they need to move in the direction of hope.

We are grateful for your continued support of our mission to help children.

Sincerely,

/s/Karen E. Nolte, Chief Executive Officer

/s/Jessica L. Dederer, MHA, Chief Development Officer

### **Center for Hearing & Speech**

Dear Mary Meers,

Thank you for your grant of \$300.00 to the Center for Hearing & Speech from Optimist Club of Brentwood!

We truly appreciate your gift and your generosity. Your support helps transform lives through caring, personalized and innovative programs to children in need, like Mary.

Before starting therapy last year, Mary lacked the confidence to advocate for herself, now her teacher says, "She approaches me when she is uncertain about directions or expectations on assignments and has improved socially with classmates"

Her example is just one of many from the 21 partner schools and organizations where the Center provides this life-changing therapy regardless of cost.

The kindness and generosity of supporters like you allow us to provide individualized care to children like Mary—making a difference in their daily life and having an even deeper more profound impact on their education and their future.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

/s/Julie Erickson, Executive Director

### **Annie's Hope**

Dear Mary,

At Annie's Hope, we believe if given a safe, trusting place surrounded by care and support, every child has the ability to heal from their grief and live a productive, hopeful life. You apparently agree with us! Your generous gift of \$300.00 given by check through the Optimist Club of Brentwood was received on July 29,

2019. Thank you so much for your compassion in caring for grieving kids!

After the fifth night of an 8-week support group, a mom writes: "Annie's Hope is a wonderful place to be at during a time of troubled hearts and minds. They give hope for a future filled with less pain. For my son to finally smile and not cry himself to sleep at night, brings me hope for our future. My message to other families...be true to yourself, take note of all that is said and done, and be honest with yourself. Without that, there is no healing. " This mom has given an amazing message of hope to share with future families.

It is through friends like you that we can offer comprehensive bereavement services FREE of CHARGE to these grieving families. Thank you for walking together with us as we provide hope and healing so that no child will be alone in their grief.

Thank you again for such a meaningful gift. To learn more about our services and the impact this gift has on the lives of grieving kids, feel free to call me at 314-965-5015 or email at [Kidsgriefmatters@annieshope.org](mailto:Kidsgriefmatters@annieshope.org).

Thank you! Mary & all the Optimist Club volunteers who work hard endlessly in our community. Every kid we serve says Thank You!

Peace,

/s/Becky Byrne, Founder and Executive Director

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Received \$20.00 check from East Missouri District for A&A third quarter ending June 30th with 27,750 points

Barbecue September 5th and 6th. Meet at Sam's on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

Storage to be paid monthly starting in October.

Received billing for \$1,123.48 for freight on Christmas tree delivery.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

October 14th – Honor First Responders

January 4th – Bowling No Tap for Mercy Foundation  
David C Pratt Ctr - Cardinal's Kid Care Center

Meeting date. September 9th and 23rd.

**50-50:** \$9.00 collected from the members present. Don Lape's name was drawn for \$24.00. In his absence Ted Ganahl name was drawn for \$12.00. \$24.00 carries over.

Adjourned at 7:10

**Joined September**

Kenneth B Haste 1978  
 Keith Habermehl 1988  
 Robert Niemeyer 1990  
 Nina Rieks 1991  
 Sean T Dodel 1992  
 James Huff Jr 1992

**August Birthday**

Joy Habermehl 08/04  
 Judy Hillyer 08/14  
 Keith A Dodel 08/16

**Life Member**

Norm Constable Nina Rieks  
 Sean Dodel Dave Ryan  
 David Gaehle Carl Westenbarger  
 Keith Habermehl Sallie Westenbarger

President – Mary Meers; Vice President - Keith Habermehl and Sallie Westenbarger; Board Members Dave Gaehle, Sherry Nappier, John Roark, and Emily Seitz  
 Secretary/Treasurer - Carl Westenbarger, and Immediate Past President – Mike Nappier.

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. at Goff-Moll Post 101, 2721 Collier. The second Monday of each month will be the Business Meeting. Regular Meeting will be held the Fourth Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting each month). At this meeting we will have an activity or guest speaker.