



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023 at the Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 pm

Members in attendance: Tyler Miller and Regan, President Jerry Sullivan, Ed Musterman, Mary Dewey, Ken Oster, Rick McKernan, Larry Fick, Mike Russell, Carl Scott, Dave Murphy, Red Leighton, Steve Winter, Deb Swanegan, C.O. Scheffer, Kelly Schilling and by zoom Scott Stager.

Special Guests: Dave Murphy – our speaker for the day Dennis Thompson guest of Daniels Abraham, and Barb West guest of Mary Dewey

Prayer: Deb Swanegan

Pledge of Allegiance: Tyler Miller daughter Reagan

Recognize new members and members who are back for the first time in a while: **Welcome back Steve Winter**

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Tony Parisio 3 years club anniversary on April 14, Tyler Miller birthday was last Saturday.

Thank you again to: Sue Musterman, Joan Sullivan, Mary Dewey, Greg Schneider, Kelly Schilling and Mike Hatchett for bringing chili to the Chili Cook Off. Steve Winter for making the wonderful cornbread. Carl for his hard work and everyone who helped with clean up. If you missed it – you missed some good chili. Winning entry was Greg Schneider. Left over ice cream is available to go with today's dessert. Thanks to Ed and Rick for sending announcements, Ed for picking up food, Rick for certificates for the speaker, and Mary for note taking and Carl for clubhouse cleaning and set up.

Pay the pig? No one paid a \$.25 this week

The board approved \$50 drawing for April, May and June has started. Contestants can enter their name once for each time they invite a new person to a club activity. First winner on April 3rd was Kelly Schilling.

Minutes from March 27 and April 3 – any corrections? Vote to approve.

Treasurer’s Report: Little change from last meeting. Spent \$1050 for donation to Diamond Council at last Board meeting.

Old Business:

Meeting info – The April 17 meeting will be here at noon. Speaker will be Andrew Grabau, United Way Give Five Program

Nominating Committee – Ed – Vote on new Officers and Board for 23-24.

2023-2024

President: Mike Hatchet

Board members: Steve Klein

1st VP: Deb Swanegan

Mary Dewey Ed Musterman

2nd VP: Still looking

Bonnie Yantzi Nadia Ryakmyatullof

Secretary: Phyllis Nichols

Adam Bakos

Treasurer: Jack Beard

Tony Parisio will step in Adam spot in October

16 YA and 0 NA the new officers have passed and approved.

Background check vote - Board passed a requirement that new members pass a background check. The background check will consist of a check of the Missouri Sexual Offenders Registry and a check of Missouri Case net. Suggested policy change was handed out last time and I have some copies for anyone who needs one. Need a motion to approve. Requires 2/3 of members present to pass. **Deb Swanegan made the motion to approve this and Mary Dewey 2nd it. 16 YA and 0 NA this was passed.**

Adopt a Spot Committee – Kelly Schilling there will be a work will be on Saturday, April 29th in the morning. If you are free on Tuesday or Thursday let her know and she will meet you out there and work the adopt a spot. April 15 from 8 to 9 meet Kelly out at our Adopt a Spot to pull the weeds and she will be check with Landscape person Rick knows about what kind of plants to put out there in our spot

Scholarship Committee – Nadia – Deadline was March 17. Reading is in process. 40 entries.

Nadia was reading over the application on Saturday, April 15 if anyone wanted to help her read over them.

Car show – Mike Russell – Will look over the list of all the car shows this summer and let us pick a date for our car show. Close to food or a group or club who would like to serve food. This will be a donation for the drivers to show their cars and then a donation from the people who are coming to see the cars. If we go to the Eagle Lodge next to the K Of Columbus building is \$200 fee if you are a member.

Derby info – Rick – date for derby June 11 - race cars take over clubhouse from May 9 until the week after the derby. Meeting locations for derby time are set. May 15 and June 5 at Shakespeare's South, Denver Room - and May 22 and June 12 at Lenior-Woods (where Red lives) at their Fireside Room. It is located just to the south and east of the Grindstone/E. New Haven Rd and 63 intersection.

Bike Safety – Mary - May 20 - Karis Church –Sign-Up Genie has been posted.

(Check with Mike) **Clubhouse work days** - Repair to the outside wall by Mark Perkins, from Keystone Masonry is done. Now need to paint the front of the building. Mortar needs cure first so no painting before mid-April. Needs prep work first. Mike's working on that. Figure on a work day on Saturday sometime in late April or early May for painting the front of the building.

Kids Carnival – Talked with Adam Brietzke of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters to see if we can work together on a “Kid’s Carnival” behind the clubhouse before school is out. We decided a better time would be just before school starts in the summer. So, the date for our **Back to School Kid’s Carnival is August 12**. I need two or three people to form half a committee to work with Big Bro Big Sisters people to decide **everything** about our first ever joint project Kid’s Carnival. Adam is to call me Thursday to set that group’s first meeting so let me know ASAP if you are interested. Mary Dewey and Deb Swanegan volunteer to help with Adam Brietzle on this program for Big Brothers/Sisters.

We passed on the idea of sponsoring a boat for them at the cardboard boat races at Bass Pro on April 29. Too short a time frame.

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 either the 26 of August. She invited us to have a booth to promote the SBD and the Downtown Optimist Club. No cost to the club. Approved unanimously.

Membership Committee - Ed - Tyler Miller and Darrell Stockstill – will be voted on at April Board meeting.

Welcome Committee for new members - Kelly – Plans to welcome new members?

Next Board Meeting – April 20 -

Vote on Tyler Miller and Darrell Stockstill.

Will get more info about 501c-3 from Ernie Wren from Ashland at our April meeting.

More discussion of the Service Clubs Presidents’ meeting proposal to work jointly on a “Blitz Build” for Habitat for Humanity. They plan to build four houses in 10 days – Sept 18-29. We are committed to 5 workers per day to the project.

Further discussion of Kid’s Carnival and Car Show, activities.

New Business

Third Quarter Conference – May 5 and 6th at the St. Louis Airport Inn. On the 6th the Oratorical winners will be giving their speakers and the Essay Contest winner will be reading their essay.

Third Quarter Conference will at the St. Louis Airport Inn



Other clubs’ activities - Hallsville, Cinco de Mayo May 5, taco bar and band, Sunrise Optimist Club Trivia Night on Saturday, May 6 at 6:00 pm



Join us for an all-day excursion to beautiful Augusta, MO

Round trip bus transportation from Columbia to Augusta
Time to explore historic downtown Augusta
3-course chef-prepared lunch and cruise aboard luxury yacht "Miss Augusta"

Tour and tasting at Mt. Pleasant Winery

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

8:30 - 5:00

\$175 (includes all taxes and gratuities)

Reservation Deadline: Monday, April 17 (no refunds after this date)

Send a check to KidsFirst Optimist Club, 1400 Forum Blvd, Suite 7A, PMB 442,
Columbia, Mo 65203-1997. Questions? Contact us at

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573-303-2077 (Liz O'Connell)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHILDREN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Carl talked about the Basketball Pool we raised \$25.00 for Children Cancer

The winner was **Mike Hatchet**

Carl also let us know that Saturday, April 8th that he helped clean up the Downtown Optimist Park and around the club house. This for clean up the neighborhood day for Columbia.

Speaker for the Day – Dave Murphy See attachment

Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at

Jerry Sullivan, President

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April 2023

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May 2023 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kids Optimist Club Ham and Bean w/ Trivia night 6:00 pm American Legion
2	3 Club meeting at the Club House at 6:00 pm	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9 	10 Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	25	26	27	28	29
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May 2023						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	2	3	4	5 EMO 3th QTR Conference at the St. Louis Airport Inn from 5:00 to 10 pm	6 EMO 3th QTR Conference at the St. Louis Airport Inn from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Sunrise Optimist Club Trivia night at 6:00 pm at their club house
7	8 Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Club meeting at the Shakespeare South Pizza 12:00 pm	16 Kids 1st Optimist Club trip to Augusta, MO from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 Club meeting at the Lenoir Woods in the Fireside Room at 12:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 NO Club meeting Memorial Day	30	31			

