



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, August 21, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 noon

Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Daryl Stockstill, Charlie Langreder, Jake Cruise, Travis Kempf, Mike Hachett, Barb West, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegen, Rick McKernan, Steve Klein, Carl Scott, C.O. Scheffer, Akbar Hussein, and by zoom Scott Stager

Special Guest: Deb Swanegen's grandson Gabe, and Assistant Police Chief, Jill Schlude

Invocation: Rick McKernan

Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Cruise

Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome Back Ken Oster and Steve Winter

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Adam Bako Birthday, August 19th

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 Stockstill for helping with clean up.

Pay the pig? Travis Kempf paid \$.25 for no name tag and Carl Scott paid \$.50 for Rick McKernan for waxing the club house floor and families.

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.

Minutes from August 7th Mike Hachett made a motion to approve the August 7th minutes and Deb Swanegen 2nd it. The club approved them. August 14th, and 21, will come later.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

Treasurer's Report: As of June 30, the Treasurer's Report showed we had paid out \$33,912 for grants and programs. We still have about \$10,000 to give out. One funding request for August did not get their application submitted correctly. A second one came in from Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzi, requesting \$7500. Still waiting on CYBA rest of their paperwork.

Old Business:

Meeting info – Next meeting – September 4 NO MEETING, September 11, Scheduled speaker Dr. Heather McCullar, CPS Steam Specialist.

Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill said, “Watered and killed/pulled the weeds.” We need to add color to the bed next month.

Family Fun Fest – The last one will be on September 20th the theme is “Creative Kids”. The 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 or the Blitz Build. We need members to start signing up for this project.

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

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

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.

Deb Swanagen'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 SBD Car to display. Just need helpers to come out and help that morning.

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:

From Board Meeting- (left over from earlier meeting) New member- Trevor Harris has applied and check for membership. In keeping with the by-laws, he has passed his background check and been approved by the membership and the Board of Directors. He will be sworn in next week. Another new member, Akbar Hussein, has submitted his dues, passed his background check, and was approved by the board pending approval by membership. Akbar- please step back to the back room for a minute. We will do swearing ceremonies for both as a new member next week. Welcome Akbar.

Other Board business – We started discussion about how to proceed with the 501c-3. We got stuck on the first step- deciding our purpose or the 501c-3. Is it to support the Soap Box Derby? Raise money for kids? Start an endowment? Should the Soap Box Derby be the 501c-3? Anyway, further discussion is ongoing, and Rick McKernan is being consulted about his opinion on how best to proceed.

Review of Bylaws – Frist Announcement -We need to revisit the bylaws. 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. In keeping with our current bylaws, we need to announce at three meetings that we will be voting on bylaw changes. Consider this the first announcement. Voting will occur on September 11. We will need a quorum of 18 or 19 members that day. I will briefly run through the changes today and will have a more organized report for September 11.

Jack Beard proposed a lifetime membership for Jerry Sullivan as a retiring president. Motion passed

Jack Beard requested permission to invest \$50,000 to \$60,000 of our money that is in savings into a Money Market with Vanguard to gain more interest. Passed

District Convention – Mary Dewey - East Missouri Optimist District 1st qtr. Conference will be held at the Marriott Court here in Columbia, MO. Like to see everyone there. Please put on your calander these other dates for the other conference are February 23-24 by Zoom, May 3-4 in Washington, MO, and August 16-18 back here in Columbia at the Marriott Court,

Policy and Procedure Manual- Deb Swanegan and Mary Dewey will be working on this job. They are accepting any suggestions from members to add to the manual.

Next Board meeting is September 20. We currently have 1 funding request from Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzzi for \$7500.

After today's meeting Jerry Sullivan will be meeting with a person from a construction company to get a bid and ideas about how we could redo our parking lot to accommodate

a handicap parking space. Will likely be more money than we want to spend but the information will be helpful.

Membership event – Ed Musterman - We are working on a membership event at Midway Top Golf for September 27th. We have reserved two Emerald Club Toptracer Bays for 2 hours from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Maximum of 12 people. Sign up will start at the September 11 meeting. Bring anyone who would make a good Optimist member and no golf skill required.

Speaker for the Day: Jill Schlude , Assistant Police Chief

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

9/19-9/28 – Habitat BlitzBuild: 4 houses in 10 days!