



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023 at Lenoir Woods Fireside Lounge

Meeting began at 12:00 pm

Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Mary Dewey, Carl Scott, Ed Musterman, Ken Oster, Rick McKernan, Mike Hatchett, Jake Jolly, Travis Kempf, Larry Fick, Brent Sappington, Tony Pariso and Darrell Stockstill

Special Guests: John Baker, Community Foundation and Barb West our newest member applicant and news member Barba West

Prayer: Larry Fick

Pledge of Allegiance: Carl Scott

Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: The definition of Optimism – Hauling almost 50 Derby cars to the top of the hill on Broadway in the pouring rain. A large round of applause for Rick Mckernan and Evan Shilling. A great day Sunday!

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Tony's Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 11 was his 12th Anniversary, Larry and Paula Fick 60th Wedding Anniversary will be on June 15th

As usual, thanks to Ed for lining up speakers. Rick for sending announcements and making certificates for the speaker, and Mary for note taking. We are here again because Derby cars have still taken over the clubhouse even though the race is done. Big Thank you for the family who came down at the end of the track to help put cars on the trailers, the old wheel club car group who helped put the pipes down Broadway, University Missouri Baseball and Football teams for their help putting the cars on the trailers.

Pay the pig? Mary Dewey paid \$.25 for her picture on The East Missouri Optimist Facebook page for Junior Golf Tournament

The board approved \$50 drawing for April, May and June. Today is drawing day. And the winner is Mary Dewey

See how easy that was. Now invite someone to our next meeting or to an event and win \$50 on Sept 11.

June 5th newsletter Ed Musterman made the motion to approve the minutes and Tony Pariso second it. They were approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: As of April 30, the Treasurer's Report was showing we had paid out \$18,662 for grants, programs and scholarships. We had four funding requests at our last board meeting. We designated \$10,000 for those four requests.

Old Business:

Meeting info – June 19 back to the clubhouse. Guest speaker will be Roger Johnson, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney

(Skip unless Tyler is here) - **Intro new members** – We inducted new member Tyler Miller in April but Tyler didn't get an opportunity to introduce himself so now is his chance. Pins are still coming I am told.

Adopt a Spot Committee – Kelly – Spot has been sprayed for weeds. The sign will put out soon.

Car show – Mike Russell – Looking at using Hickman High School parking lot.

Derby info – Tony was every excited that his daughter Carmelila won Sunday and will be go to Akron, OH. All the winners this year were girls. The girls know how to stay low in their cars that what made them go faster down the hill.

Family Fun Fest – report – next one is on June 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please sign up to help set up will start at 5:00 pm at COMO Park.

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build – There is a Sign-Up Genie available.

Clubhouse work morning – Next work day at the clubhouse is the Saturday after the Derby, June 17 – 9:00 to noon. Projects to be determined. Many projects to choose from.

Kids Carnival – Deb and Mary – Committee met May 30th. Back to School Kid's Carnival is August 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in their parking lot. Deb and Mary have volunteered to form half a committee to work with Big Bro Big Sisters people to decide everything. We will be helping with the yard games that the Parks and Recreation will be bring that day.

Welcome Committee for new members - Kelly – Shirts being ordered.

(Skip) Youth Event – The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip. – Rick– likely moved to fall.

(Skip) 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.

OI National Convention – Rick - July 2-5, Arlington, VA (Mike, Deb and Mary) will be attending the Convention.

Koeze nuts sale – We don't want to lose Red's customers - Please email Steve if you would like to take over some of Red's remaining list. Winterss@missouri.edu

Amish jam for sale is ordered. We are getting the same amount as last year but trying for a bit more variety.

Trees are ordered.

New Business:

Next Board meeting - June 15 – Thanks to Nadia for hosting us at the Conference Center at the Hampton Inn on Stadium for our May board meeting.

Barb West membership application.

Funding requests so far – Steve – Boone Co Fair – Travis Kempf and Columbia Housing Authority – Justin Anthony.

We will discuss more about becoming a 501c-3 organization.

Sign Up Genius upgrade?

Policy and Procedure Manual? Do we need one? Process?

How to improve publicity.

Discuss a nomination for the Wall of Honor – from the Legends Committee – Leo Jackson. Outline procedure.

Follow up on scholarship funds for one student from last meeting. Nadia – (Will bring up at the Board meeting on June 15th)

Nominating Committee – Ed - Still looking for a second VP.

Kids Carnival – Deb and Mary – August 8th with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Helping with Yard Games.

Car Show – Mike Russell at the Hickman High School parking lot

Summer social – What? When? Where?

We are still looking for ideas for our next social event for summer – One suggestion – volunteer on a Saturday for Mo River Relief followed by party at Rocheport. Another – a BBQ here with games in back after. Please let me know your thoughts and any other ideas you may have.

Steve Winter Garden Party will on Thursday, June 15th please look at flyer attached to this email.

Speaker for the Day – John Baker, Community Foundation

Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned

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June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Club meeting at 12 pm at Shakespeare's Pizza South of town	6	7	8	9	10
11 Soap Box Derby Day Father's Day	12 Club meeting at 12 pm at Lenoir Home Fireside Room	13	14	15 Steve Winter Garden Party	16	17
18	19 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Rodger Johnson from Boone County Prosecuting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Mayor Barbara Buffalo	27	28	29	30	

July 2023							Aug 2023 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 International	3 Convention No Meeting	4 Until	5 End	6	7	8	
9	10 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker ??	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker ??	18	19	20	21	22	
23 Show Me State Games	24 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Sean Spence New Book Breaking Barriers Disability History	25	26	27	28	29	
30 Show Me State Games	31 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Aleesha Coke from Moberly Area Community College						

