



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse

Meeting began at 12:00 noon

Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Mary Dewey, Carl Scott, Deb Swanegan, Ed Musterman, Rick and Susie McKernan, Mike Hatchett, Jake Jolly, Tony Pariso, Jim Murphy, Barba West, Nadia Ryakmyatullov and Pat Brown Scott Stagger by Zoom

Special Guests: Roger Johnson, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney, Trevor Harris, and Tony's two kids.

Prayer: Pat Brown

Pledge of Allegiance: Nadia Ryakmyatullov

Belated Happy Father's Day and Happy Juneteenth – comment?

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Nadia Ryakmyatullov birthday is June 19th, Valerie Harre club Anniversary is on June 23th

As usual, thanks to Ed for lining up speakers, sending announcements and picking up meals. Rick for making certificates for the speaker, Tony for tech assistance and Mary for note taking. A large Thank You to the Derby parents who helped with clean up on Tuesday and to Rick for the shiny waxed floor.

Pay the pig? (25 cents for missing name badges is in effect.) Deb Swanegan paid \$1.00 for Facebook pictures, Nadia Ryakmyatullov paid a \$.25 for No Name Tag

Pass around Thank you notes. Mention memorials for Red. We got a letter from Kids 1st Optimist Club and Hilldale Village where Red lived before.

The board approved \$50 drawing for whoever invites someone to an Optimist Club event. Mary Dewey won last time. Now invite someone to our next meeting or to an event and enter to win \$50 on Sept 11.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

Minutes from June 12 – One correction – need to add MU Swim team to the people who helped at the derby. Vote to approve as amended. Ed Musterman made the motion to approve the minutes and Tony Pariso second it. They were approved by all.

Treasurer’s Report: As of May 31, the Treasurer’s Report was showing we had paid out \$20,662.00 for grants, and \$8000 for scholarships. We had two funding requests at our last board meeting. We designated \$4500 for those two requests. We have about \$10,000 to still give out. No funding requests for July as yet.

Old Business:

Meeting info – June 26 – here at the clubhouse - Guest speaker will be Columbia Mayor, Barbara Buffalo

(Skip if Kelly not there) Adopt a Spot Committee - Kelly –

(Skip if Mike not there) Car show – Mike Russell –

Derby info – Rick –There are 2 kids going to Akron, Ohio, they are Carmelina Parriso from Stock division and her sponsor is Weichert Realtor Travis Kempfh. Lane Arnold from Super Stock and his sponsor is Mutrux Automotive. Read the TY send by one family.

Family Fun Fest – Mary - next one is on June 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Sign Up Genius is available. Carl Scott and Jerry Sullivan.

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build – There is a Sign Up Genius available. Next work date is this Wednesday.

Show Me State Games – Jake - July 23 and 30 – Sign Up Genius is available

Clubhouse work morning – Was cancelled due to conflict with Juneteenth Parade. Will be rescheduled at a later date.

Kids Carnival – Deb and Mary – Committee met May 30. Back to School Kid’s Carnival is August 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 in Big Brother and Big Sister parking lot. Deb and Mary have volunteered to form a committee with Big Brother and Big Sister to plan the Carnival.

Welcome Committee for new members - Kelly – Shirts being ordered. There is some shirt left over that Mary Ordered last year.

(Skip) 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 the 26th of August (time?). 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.

OI National Convention – Mary, Deb and Mike will be attending - July 2-5, Arlington, VA

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 jams for sale are ordered. Christmas Trees are ordered.

New Business:

Intro new members – The Board voted on Wednesday to add Barbara West to our membership. Barbara – please come forward. (Induction and introduction) (If Tyler is here) We inducted another 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.

Here is some information about Barbara West: She was born in Columbia, Missouri. She is the oldest of 7 children. She went to Douglass high school. She has 4 kids, 4 grand kids and 8 great grand kids. She worked at Boone Hospital for 30 years in the labor area of the hospital until 1962 and then went to Target where she worked there for 22 years. She loves traveling, shopping and helping Mary with the Pantry pick up.

Other info from Board meeting – Funded \$3000 to Columbia Housing Authority and \$1500 to Boone County Fair Board.

More discussion about becoming a 501c-3 organization. Decided to table until both Jack and Steve could be there.

Voted to allow a Sign Up Genius upgrade and to allow C.O to run ads on Facebook for the tree lot. \$260 total.

Voted to form a committee to develop a Policy and Procedure Manual?

We have a nomination for the Wall of Honor – from the Legends Committee – Leo Jackson has been nominated. We will wait for nomination in writing before voting.

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

Kids Carnival – Deb and Mary – August 8 with Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Car Show – Mike Russell

Summer social – BBQ at the clubhouse in July.

We will be doing a membership event – Ed is looking into possibilities.

Next Board meeting – July 20 – No funding requests as yet.

Speaker for the Day – Roger Johnson, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney

See attachment for more information from Roger Johnson

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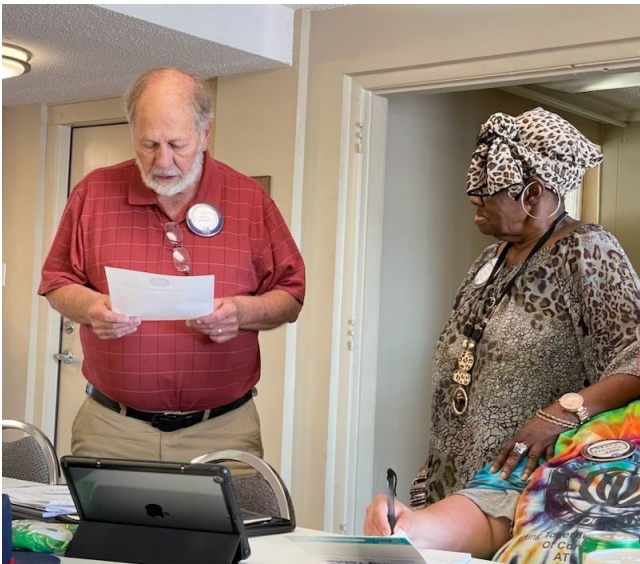
June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Club meeting at 12 pm at Shakespeare's Pizza South of town	6	7	8	9	10
11 Soap Box Derby Day Father's Day	12 Club meeting at 12 pm at Lenoir Home Fireside Room	13	14	15 Steve Winter Garden Party	16	17
18	19 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse 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 Abby Rimel, Head of Outreach Services, Daniel Boone Regional Library	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse C.O. Scheffer - Downtown Optimist, Member Spotlight	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	

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30 Show Me State Games	31 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Aleesha Coke from Moberly Area Community College						



Family Fun Fest June 21



New member Barbra West, June 19th