



## **THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA** (Downtown Optimist)

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### **Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia**

#### **In Person Meeting**

**Monday, September 18, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse**

**Meeting began at 12:00 noon**

**Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Larry Fick, Kenny Oster, Mike Hachett, Barb West, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegen, Rick McKernan, Carl Scott, Nadia Ryakmatullov, Akbar Hussien, Steve Winter, Jim Murphy, and Ed Musterman. By zoom Scott Stager**

**Special Guests: Victor Henderson, Joanne Nelson, Director, Boone County Community Services Department.**

**Two Members having surgery this week -Steve Klein and Pat Brown – Hope all goes well and they both have a speedy recovery**

**Invocation: Larry Fick**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Oster**

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

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: Forgot to let you all know the following birthdays/anniversaries Robert Bellingshausen birthday was on September 9, Richard Oseth birthday was on September 10, Dave Harr joined the club on September 11, 1990 and Paul Hinshaw joined the club on September 13, 2009. Mike Russell joined the club on September 23, 2006**

**As usual, thanks 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: Nadia Ryakmatullov paid \$.25 for no name tag, Rick McKernan paid \$.25 and Carl Scott paid \$.25 for Mizzou Football win.**

**Get to know our new member Akbar Hussein: He was once a member. Back in 2009 he started his own business. He has 2 sons, 2 granddaughter 1 who goes to Mizzou and other will be going to Mizzou next year. He has 3 grandson too.**

***Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936***

**Minutes from August 21, 28 and September 11 – One correction for Sept – date for this month’s board meeting is the 21st - not the 20th. Deb Swanegen made the motion to approve the minutes and Mary Dewey second it. The minutes were approved by all.**

**Treasurer’s Report: As of July, the Treasurer’s Report was showing we had paid out \$33,912 for grants and programs. We have about \$12,000 to still give out. Two funding requests for September – Steve - Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzi, requesting \$7500 and Columbia Youth Basketball Association requesting \$600 and one request for October approval – Ronald McDonald House for \$990.**

**Old Business:**

**Meeting info – Next meeting September 25 – Scheduled speaker – Cheryl Brenn, Exec Director, Optimist International (Show club spirit -Wear something that says Downtown Optimist Club) All club members please wear something with the Optimist Logo on it at the meeting.**

**Adopt a Spot Committee – Daryl Stockstill said, “Nothing New”**

**Family Fun Fest – Mary Dewey – Next one is Sept 20. Theme is “Creative Kids”. Location is Albert-Oakland Park. Time is 6-8. Need workers - Sign Up Genius is available.**

**Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build – Starts this week. Need workers. Sign up in an Optimist slot. To sign up for the actual blitz build days, I’ve been told, you need to go to the Habitat for Humanity web site. Ashley told Rick “That it is to late to sign up to work but, you can still come out and help.” Carl has signed up to help on Tuesday, September 19 and Thursday, 21.**

**The Welcome Committee for new members – Kelly Schilling – Free T–shirts is 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. Still hoping to be able to get this done this year.**

**Koeze nuts – Steve pick up catalogues, presidents’ letters, order forms and Order pads and start selling\_– 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. Frist order is due October 22. Make sure you pick up your catalogs and your list who you sold last year.**

## **New Business**

### **Upcoming Board meeting –**

**We currently have three funding requests. One from Fun City Youth Academy, Bonnie Yantzi for \$7500, one from Columbia Youth Basketball for 600 and one for October approval from Ronald McDonald House for \$990.**

**501c-3 – How to best to proceed.**

**Need to submit bylaws.**

**Jack requested permission to invest \$50,000 to \$60,000 of our money that is in savings into a Money Market possibly with Vanguard in order to gain more interest. Passed. Phyllis has created a letter of authorization.**

**Policy and Procedure Manual – Deb and Mary are going to work on this job. They are accepting any suggestions members have about what should be included in the manual.**

**Next year's OI Convention will be June 23-26 Niagara Falls – Canadian side**

**Still NO information on our handicap parking space. Will likely be more money than we want to spend but the information will be helpful.**

**Membership event – Date and location are set. We have reserved two Emerald Club Toptracer Bays for two hours each from 5:00 to 7:00 on September 27. Maximum of 24 people. Sign-ups start today. Anyone you know who would make a good Optimist member needs to be invited to this event. Golf skills not required. They will be paired with players of similar skill levels. Sign up process – email [jsulliva@mineralarea.edu](mailto:jsulliva@mineralarea.edu) or text 573-701-4122. Will need name, email address and phone number and how many times per year they play. Prize for the winner in each bay and a prize for the member who gets the most prospects to attend. Hand out hand bills. There are 4 bases that we reversed. You don't have to have any golf skill to come and play golf.**

**Pickleball – Mark your calendar – April 6 – tentative plan for a DOC Pickleball tournament. Combination fundraiser and new membership activity. New Activity Center south on 63 near Discovery Parkway.**

**Dates of note – 1. Next East Mo District meeting – October 13-14 (I have sign up form) – We are collect items for the Ronald McDonald at this meeting House Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia. 2. October 19 – Kids First – bus trip to Hannibal – 8:00 to 5:00. \$130. And 3, Is this evening – 5:00 to 8:00 Rock Bridge Lions Charity Picnic – Farmers Market Pavilion**

**Speaker for the Day – Joanne Nelson, Director, Boone County Community Services Dept.**

**Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm**

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September 2023						
◀ Aug 2023						Oct 2023 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>Labor Day NO MEETING</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Elizabeth "Tizzie" O'Connell Kids 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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

