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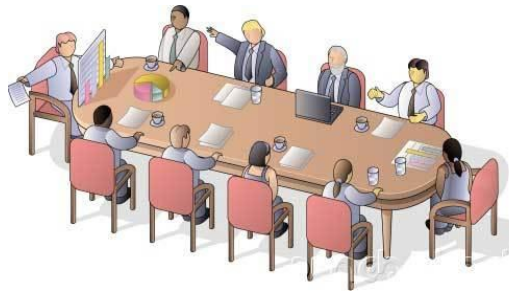
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Jim Pepper started his first business meeting as President by calling on Jim Berry to ask the blessing and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Berry was also responsible for the food

and we enjoyed a gourmet meal. Jim received a round of applause, but everyone was looking at Nell when they clapped.

Jim Pepper then called on Alberto to make a presentation and asked Mary Flynn, head of the Hawthorne Conservatory, to join him. Alberto announced that we netted \$ 1,882 from the pancake breakfast and presented Mary with a check in that amount. Mary told us that they now have 70 students at the conservatory and that each student receives a half hour of one on one instruction each week. She praised our club for our long standing support and told us that we are welcome to use the Cooper House for any other functions that we put on.

President Jim then called on me to present the financial results for last year, which showed a small net of receipts over expenditures and a reasonable cash position to start the year. I also reported that all bills had been paid and we start the new year with a clean slate. I reported that our IRS form 990-N was filed and accepted by the IRS.

I then presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012, which had been approved by the board last week. There was no discussion and on motion by Casteel and seconded by Jim Berry, the proposed budget was approved unanimously.

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I also reported that we had submitted a CPA book in each of the categories and filed our A&A report on time with 47,000 points. That is slightly more than the 44,000 we reported last year when we finished second in the district

Bill Clarke then presented the status of the Huntsville Optimist foundation, which continues to be in good financial condition.

President Jim announced that a position on the Foundation Board is open for election by the club for the year beginning January 1, 2012 and opened the floor for nominations. Zack Thompson and Clyde Nevins were nominated and election will take place at the next business meeting on November 17, 2011.

Fabiani reported on the status of our JOOI Club program. With our 4 carryover clubs and the addition of Whitesburg MS we now have 5 clubs. He also reported that we are working on Huntsville, Mountain Gap, Madison Academy, Challenger and several others. He will be making a presentation to an organization of Middle School principals on November 2nd. With the support of the Foundation financially, we hope to make this a record year in the expansion of our JOOI program.

Jesse Lang reported that the TriStar Basketball committee in on top of things and that we are on schedule to hold our competition on Saturday, November 5th. Any member wanting to have a great time should join the committee on that date at 9:00 am.

Tom Casteel then presented a fantastic opportunity for a fund raiser. It involves bringing in the Harlem Ambassadors, a quality family entertainment program that is fun for audiences of all ages. We ran out of time, and members, to thoroughly pursue this opportunity, but the fundraising committee will continue to pursue it.

Fabiani led us in our recital of our Creed.

Al Renz

CALENDAR

- 10/27 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Dr. George McDonough - Center For Aging
- 11/3 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Nancy Colin – ALS Association
- 11/8 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 11/10 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Sheila McFerran – Still Serving Veterans
- 11/17 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Jim & Gay Pepper)
- 11/24 Thursday **NO MEETING**
Thanksgiving