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Club meets

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 am
Downtown Holiday Inn
Huntsville, AL

Our business meeting
is held on the 3rd
Thursday of the
month at the Optimist
Recreation Center on
Oakwood Ave

Opti - Topics

Opening

Twenty-one Optimists and two guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center today for the Club's monthly business meeting. Our guests were Richie Myers and René Vander Veer. President George McDonough called the meeting to order promptly at 11:45. He asked Clyde Nevins to bring the invocation and Zach Thompson to lead in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The lunch delivery was running a little late, so the business segments of the meeting were begun early.

Treasurer's Report



Club Treasurer AI Renz distributed his report covering the Club's fiscal year, October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, and commented on these significant items for the year:

- From the revenues side of the ledger, we had no income from fundraisers, which was \$2,000 under budget.
- We received about twice the income from paying guests than budgeted, but this went directly to the meals consumed.
- Our Chase rebate income (from our credit card) was a little more than twice the budgeted amount. AI said he had adopted the policy of using our card for as many purchases as possible which accounted for this.
- Most of our expenses were very near the budgeted amounts. The expense for meals for potential members was less than one fourth the budgeted figure of \$400. Message: we did not invite as many guests as we had hoped for.

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- The expenses for Office Supplies and Printing and Miscellaneous were about half the budgeted amounts.
- The Youth Appreciation Banquet expense was about twice the budgeted amount (we had a great turnout!).
- The expense for JOOI Clubs was about was only about 60% of the budgeted amount due to fewer JOOI Clubs being formed than anticipated.
- The bottom line: We began the year with a bank balance of \$2184.48, and ended the year with a bank balance of \$2,865.23.

Good job, Al!

Lunch



Tim and René Vander Veer were our chefs today, and we enjoyed barbeque sandwiches, salad and brownies. Their food was augmented by pans of Puerto Rican beans and rice provided by Alberto Duarte. Alberto told us the beans and rice were ours because of the Government shut-down that had forced cancellation of a planned Hispanic Heritage event at NASA.

The Club gave a round of applause to René for her efforts.

Old Business: Fund Raising



The fund-raising item from Al's report prompted a lot of discussion on what the Club's plans should be for fund-raising projects this year.

Zach Thompson made a motion to put a "tax" of 10% on the money earned by the Club's pancake breakfast. It was the consensus of those present that there were many peripheral benefits to putting on the

pancake breakfast, and that the amount to be gained by such a tax was not significant. After a lot of discussion, this motion was withdrawn by Zach.

Another suggestion, by Tom Casteel, was that there could be, say, a \$50 assessment to each member, thereby saving a lot of planning and effort for a fund-raising event. Zach Thompson said he would match any amount given by Rev. Jim Berry. In the end, Tom's proposal didn't garner much support.

Bob Martin stated that the Cooper House was an ideal place to hold a fund raiser of some kind, and suggested that a second fund raiser be scheduled there about 6 months apart from the pancake breakfast. We get free use of the Cooper House, but any such event would have to be scheduled and be appropriate for the facility.

President George said he had taken it upon himself to be Fund Raising Committee Chairman this year. He asked for volunteers. Buddy Beck volunteered.

Election of Foundation Directors

President George asked Nominating Committee Chairman Tom Casteel to present their nominees for Directors of the Optimist Foundation, Alberto Duarte and Al Renz. The floor was opened for new nominees, but none were forthcoming. Duane Plank moved that the nominees be elected by acclamation. Jim Berry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports



JOOI Club Committee Chairman John Inman announced that Huntsville MS is apparently ready to start a JOOI Club. He has a meeting scheduled in the Vice Principal's office at 7:30 a. m. on Tuesday, October 22, to "get the ball rolling." Eight students have signed up so far. You are invited to this meeting.

John next went through the list of last year's JOOI Clubs at the various schools, listing the currently assigned Points of Contact. The list was obviously not current, many because of Fabiani being gone. Several Optimists stated they were no longer POC as listed. Some were not aware they were a POC, and some said they were POC at a different school. It is also uncertain how many of last year's faculty advisors are still have agreed to this responsibility for this year. It looks like a lot of work is needed here.

Al Renz stated that as of yesterday, only two JOOI Clubs, Williams MS and Columbia HS had submitted the necessary paperwork to be an active Club for this year. All other JOOI Clubs are now delinquent. JOOI Clubs have until November 15 to submit the necessary rosters and officer information. After that they will be dropped. **The information required by OI for all JOOI Clubs is given at the end of this newsletter.**

Someone (I forgot to note who) asked if there was any information on the duties of a POC. A couple of suggestions were forthcoming: (1) Schedule and support their JOOI Club's installation of officers, and provide the refreshments, and (2) Be sure that their Club was informed about and encouraged to support our Essay and Oratorical Contests. John took an action to document these and any other duties expected of a POC.

Veteran's Day Parade

John Inman reported he had signed up our Club for two vehicles and some marchers for the November 11 Veteran's Day parade. This can be amended, if necessary, before Nov. 8. John has notified all of our JOOI Clubs of the opportunity to be in the parade.



Tom Casteel said he had ordered some Optimist Club banners that can be attached via magnets to an automobile. Zach Thompson volunteered the use of a trailer he has if someone would like to make a float.

Membership Committee

President George commented that he would like to make our Club look more like America. He encouraged us to ask more ladies, African-Americans, and Hispanics to be guests and prospective members. He recognized that ladies have home responsibilities, but if we can get them they are generally very active. Al Adams is working to get more African-Americans invited. He said our Hispanic membership dropped 50% (someone said more like 75%) when Fabiani left. Tom Casteel is Membership Committee Chairman.



Foundation Report



Foundation President Bill Clarke reported on the status of the funds in the foundation:

- Beginning of September: \$804,887

- End of September: \$831,243
- CD Value: \$140,707

Total assets on Sept. 30, 2013: \$971,950

Band Instrument Committee

Buddy Beck asked about the status of renting an environmental storage facility for our band instruments. In the absence of Band Committee Chairman Al Adams, Tom stated that this has been on the back burner, and nothing had been decided as yet.

New Business

Duane Plank asked about the reported demise of the Arab Club, and especially if we shouldn't be inviting any of their former members to join us. President George said he had already invited two former members. Tom said from what he knew, the Club was not officially dead, but was down to just 8 members, six of whom were women.

Announcements

Tom Casteel announced that he has spent about 200 hours revamping the District's web site. He invited everyone to check it out. He would like to pattern our Club's web site after the District's.

Two months, June and July, are open for Program/Business Meeting Lunch Chairman. Please tell George if you can take one of these months.

Closing

Dr. Carl Winkler led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"Every goal first started as something in our mind. You have it all within you!"

~Deborah Day,

CALENDAR

- 10/24 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Jane Orton – Clinical Director
National Children's Advocacy Center Huntsville
- 10/31 Thursday **No Meeting (5th Thursday)**
- 11/5 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 11/7 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Johnny and Christy Johnson– Shanon's House
- 11/11 Monday 11:00 am Downtown Huntsville
Veterans Day Parade
- 11/14 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Belinda McCormick - Vice President Better Business Bureau
- 11/21 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Gay Pepper)
- 11/28 Thursday **No Meeting (Thanksgiving)**
- 12/3 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 12/5 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBD – Jim Roe

Officer Information Sheet/Election Report

JOOI Club Name: _____

JOOI Club No. _____ (New charters leave blank)

Name of Sponsoring Optimist Club: _____

Club No. _____

JOOI Club Adviser:

Name: Mr. Ms. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Optimist Serving as Chairman of JOOI Club Committee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

JOOI Club Officers: (Optional for Alpha Clubs)

President: _____ Grade Level: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Secretary/Treasurer: _____ Grade Level: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Possible Projects Discussed:

1. _____

2. _____

Membership Roster

JOOI Club name: _____

JOOI Club number: _____

Keep roster updated at the International Office regularly to avoid mail delays. JOOI Clubs Department, Optimist International, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108; E-mail youthclubs@optimist.org; or fax to (314) 735-4118.

Check One:

Annual Roster:

Please delete all Members not shown on this updated list.

Roster Additions

Roster Deletions:

Name	Gender	Date of Birth

Return to: JOOI Clubs Department, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself -

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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