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Club meets

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 am
Mullins Restaurant
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 Optimists attended the June Business Meeting of our Club at the Optimist Recreation Center today. President George McDonough asked Jim Roe to give the opening prayer and Richie Myers to lead the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gay Pepper was our caterer today, and she provided some very tasty home-cooked kosher hot dogs with sides of chili, onions, raw veggies, potato chips (or nachos) and pound cake, along with assorted condiments and drinks.

Optimist Family News

It was good to see Duane Plank back with us today after a week in Crestwood hospital to combat cellulitis in his left leg. Duane still has some serious pain in his leg and is undergoing out-patient therapy. A blood clot in his leg has not been ruled out.

Business Session

President George McDonough announced that there were still some openings on various committees, and he passed around sign-up sheets for those Club members to sign up for next year's committees.

President George called for the Treasurer's report to open the business session.

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Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Al Renz went over his October-May (8-month) report, a copy of which was provided to each attendee. He highlighted the following items from his quarterly summary report:

- For the 8-month period, the club has accrued about \$1,000 over and above expenses due to the reduced meal cost at Mullins Restaurant. With the addition of rebates, donations, and pre-paid dues, we are currently \$4,308.47 in the black.
- The Club has received another check (for May) from Jeff Klimek; this time it was \$155 instead of the \$170 we received in April. No explanation was given for the difference. Another check is due next week.
- Our bank balance at the end of April was \$902.55, with \$5,471.15 receivable from the Optimist Foundation.

Old Business



President George and Committee Chairman John Inman gave a status on the on-going search for a different **eating place for the Club**. In summary the status of various options is:

Regency Retirement Community would be willing to host us for one meeting per month; the cost would be only \$6 per meal. The restriction on the number of days effectively rules out this option.

Trinity United Methodist Church would host us at \$12 per meal plus a \$50 room charge in a windowless Sunday school room (not inspected). The cook is not happy about the low cost per meal, and the room fee would jack up the cost to about an average of \$15 per meal.

Terra Nova would feed us for \$16 per meal (with no desert). The drawbacks are: (1) having only Italian food to choose from, and (2) the high traffic on University Drive, especially at lunch time. There is a decent meeting room and a small cabinet to store Club banners and such.

Beauregard's has a meeting room that may have the same drawback as Mullins in regard to noise from other restaurant patrons. (Cost of meals there was not reported)

Various Hotels all want at least \$20 per meal. The Club could consider this option only by increasing dues or cutting the number of meetings per month. The committee recommends dropping this option.

Motion: Jim Berry moved that we have a regular club meeting at each of the options in order to give members a first-hand assessment of food, accommodations, parking, etc. Tom Casteel seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

After some discussion, it was decided to **hold a regular club meeting at Terra Nova on Thursday, July 10**. Following this meeting, the Club will evaluate the experience and determine the next option.



President George reported that the **memorial meeting for Zack Thompson** is “totally out of hand.” Zack’s widow, Betty, is out of town, so the number of family members and friends who might want to attend is unknown. Also, the speakers to enumerate Zack’s accomplishments and those who have Zack stories to tell have not been pulled together. After some discussion, it was decided to postpone indefinitely the memorial that was scheduled for next Thursday (June 26). Program Chairman Jim Berry will arrange a different program for this meeting.

Motion: Gay Pepper moved that the Club and the Foundation make a donation to Optimist International in memory of Zack. Jim Berry seconded. Gay said this would be very much in agreement with Zack’s wishes and would be an appropriate gesture by the Club. The motion passed (weakly) by voice vote. Some members said they didn’t vote because the amount of the donation and how it was to be obtained were not specified in the motion. No one volunteered to set the amount, and the issue was tabled.

Committee Reports

Annual Club Picnic



Someone present questioned when, where, and what time have been set for the Club's annual picnic. There is no change to the information reported in the June 5 Opti-topics, but the time has not been determined. The picnic will be at Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church in Harvest, AL on August 9. The committee will determine the time to assemble and what each attendee should bring, and they will report this at a later date.

Band Instrument Committee



Tom Casteel reported that Band Instrument Committee will meet at the ORC on Saturday, June 28 at 9:00 am to transfer all the band instruments to the new facility located at 2501 University Drive. All committee members are urged to attend.

Announcements

PGI Awards

PGI (Personal Growth and Involvement) Chairman Al Renz presented the following awards:

PGI Level 1 to George McDonough. (George has also earned PGI level 2). George needs to bring in a new member to achieve PGI level 3.

PGI Level 6 to Jim Berry. Jim needs to help start a new Optimist Club and write an article for the OI magazine to get a PGI level 7 award.

Closing

President George asked if there were other reports or new business that needed our attention today. There being none, he asked Dr. Carl Winkler to lead the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

~Maya Angelou

CALENDAR

- 6/26 Thursday 11:45 am Mullins Restaurant
TBD – Jim Berry
- 7/3 **NO MEETING**
Independence Day
- 7/8 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 7/10 Thursday 11:45 am Mullins Restaurant
TBD – Gay Pepper
- 7/17 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Jim Berry)
- 7/24 Thursday 11:45 am Mullins Restaurant
TBD– Gay Pepper
- 7/31 **NO MEETING**
5th Thursday
- 8/9 Saturday Time TBD Ford’s Chapel UMC’s Pavilion
Annual Picnic

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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