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**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

**At 11:45 am**

**Check Website for  
location**

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# Opti - Topics

## **Today's Business Meeting at the Optimist Park**

President Alfred called our meeting to order and asked Jim Berry to do the devotional. It was great to have Jim with us. In spite of his neck brace, he was looking trim. After the devotional President Al led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance was our newest member Willie Brunetti.

Jim Roe provided pulled pork and turkey for sandwiches with coleslaw, baked beans and potato salad. Sweet and unsweetened tea was available and cookies for desert.

## **Optimist Family**

Clyde Nevins could not make the meeting since he had surgery on his shoulder. It may be several weeks before he is able to return. Keep Clyde in your prayers.

## **Business Meeting**

President Al called the meeting to order and asked me to present the financial report. This was a quarterly report, so it included a comparison to 9 months or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our annual budget.

For the nine months our revenues were \$ 11,925.10 compared to a budgeted amount of \$ 12,292.50. The main under budget item was Membership Dues and that was due to the reduced number of members. Our expenses were \$ 9,138.94 compared to a budgeted amount of \$ 9,772.50, giving us a net of \$ 2,786.16 compared to a

**Our business meeting  
is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday of the  
month at the Optimist  
Recreation Center on  
Oakwood Avenue**

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budget net of \$ 2,520.00, or a positive net compared to budget of \$ 291.16.

Youth Activity expenditures were \$ 18,019.25 compared to a budgeted amount of \$ 26,250.00. The differential was due mainly to the fact that we had not yet made any Community Service Grants.

We started the year with a bank balance of \$ 3,556.03 and ended June 30 with a balance of \$ 3,028.49. Adding in the requested reimbursement from the Foundation and unpaid dues, gave us a potential balance of \$ 8,647.72.

After stating that we had a quorum of 12 present, Al Renz presented information on the status of our membership. We currently have 36 members, including two new members, but indicated out that only 17 are regularly active. He also presented a list of our activities, which indicates that we have well over one hundred "job" slots to fill, and with only 17 active members, it requires each active member to handle over 6 activities, or job slots, on the average. Obviously, we need many new active members.

Our Board of Directors has been wrestling with this problem for some time. Some of the feedback we get is that the \$120 a quarter dues is a deterrent. To try and eliminate that deterrent I presented a motion from the Board that all members, except Business Memberships, which would stay at \$120, and Associate Members, who would stay at \$30 (plus their actual meals), would go to \$35 a quarter plus the actual cost of their meals. That category would include all new members.

After considerable discussion, an amendment was made and seconded, that the \$120 a quarter option be maintained and each member could at their election, maintain that status. After considerable additional discussion, the motion as amended was passed.

The result is that we now have 4 categories of dues payment. An Associate Member pays \$30 a quarter plus the cost of any meals. A Student Member pays \$15 plus the cost of meals. All other members have the option of paying \$120 a quarter that includes all their meals, or \$35 a quarter plus the cost of meals.

I presented a second motion from the Board that we go to 2 meetings a month, the first Thursday at a restaurant with a guest speaker and the third Thursday Business Meeting at Optimist Park. That motion was defeated. A follow up motion was made by Richie Myers that we have one of the 4 meetings as an evening meeting. That motion passed. The Board will take that under advisement. Alberto Duarte, President of the Huntsville Foundation Board, reported that the Foundation's investments were doing fine, and that we would be meeting with Regions Bank following the club meeting.

President Al announced that the Board had approved our participation in the Huntsville Council of PTA's annual Summer Leadership Training on Saturday, July 25. We will have a display table. Al asked for volunteers to help staff the table.

President Al presented a motion from Tom Casteel, who is out of town, that instead of collecting 50 cents at our regular meetings, that we collect one dollar and ½ of the money be sent to the OI Cancer Foundation. The motion passed.

### **Closing**

With no other business to come before the meeting, Carl Winkler led us in the Optimist Creed.

*Al Reng, Substitute Editor.*

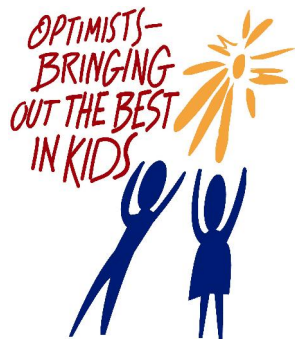
### **Optimistic Quote of the Week**

**“A great attitude does much more than turn on the lights in our worlds; it seems to magically connect us to all sorts of serendipitous opportunities that were somehow absent before the change”**

*~Earl Nightingale*

## CALENDAR

- 7/23 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant  
**TBD – Jim Roe**
- 7/30 Thursday  
**NO MEETING - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**
- 8/2 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.  
**Board Meeting**
- 8/6 Thursday 6:00 pm Optimist Recreation Center  
**NOW Banquet**
- 8/13 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant  
**Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.  
President, Alabama A&M University**
- 8/20 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food – (Tom Casteel)**
- 8/27 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant  
**Libby Parker – HOPE Leadership Academy**
- 9/1 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.  
**Board Meeting**
- 9/3 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant  
**TBD – Andrew Driver**
- 9/10 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant  
**TBD – Andrew Driver**
- 9/17 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food – (Andrew Driver)**



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## **THE OPTIMIST CREED**

Promise Yourself -

**T**o be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**T**o talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

**T**o make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

**T**o look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

**T**o think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

**T**o be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

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

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

**T**o 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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