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Club meets

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

**Check Website for
location**

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Opti - Topics

Opening

The Club's monthly business meeting was held Thursday, September 17 at the Huntsville Optimist Park. First Vice President Vastell Williams presided. He called on Alberto Duarte to ask the blessing and then called on Jesse Lang to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The menu for the day included Beef and Turkey sandwiches, pasta salad, cauliflower crunch, and five assorted cake slices.

Business Meeting

After lunch Vastell called the meeting to order and said that he was passing around signup sheets for committees and monthly speakers. Al Renz said that he was passing around the sign-up sheet for the Installation Banquet for those who had not signed up and to confirm or cancel the "maybes." We had 14 members in attendance including our newest member, Alex Chu.

Finance Report

The next order of business was presentation of the financial statement for the eleven months ending August. We had revenues of \$ 14,557.10 and expenses of \$ 11,699.94 for a net of \$ 2,857.16. However, \$ 2,505.10 of the revenue was from the fund raiser and Klimek payments, so the net from operations was around \$ 300.00.

We have spent \$ 25,243.94 on youth activities and the Foundation had issued a check for \$ 2,500 directly to Christmas Charities as a Community Service Grant.

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

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Our bank balance at the end of August was \$ 2,184.54 and our potential cash position after reimbursement from the Foundation and collection of outstanding dues was \$ 9,023.72.

Committee Reports



Tom Casteel reported on our Band Program and stated that we now have 159 instruments and all but 6 are currently in the schools. There are 17 schools involved.



Alberto reported that we now have an Advisor for the JOOI Club at Whitesburg MS. Her name is Becky May. He will set up an installation as soon as possible. Al Renz reported that we have JOOI Clubs in four schools, Chapman, Morris, Madison Academy, and Whitesburg that did not re-charter last year. If we are able to get those clubs restarted, like Whitesburg, they will have to be chartered as new clubs and the appropriate forms will have to be submitted.

Our new member, Dr. Chu stated that JOOI clubs are one of the most important missions of our club.



Alberto reported on the Foundation's funds at Regions. At July 31 the balance was \$ 879,702.13, but because of the market drop in August, the balance at August 31 was \$ 835,073.53. As of September 17th we had recovered some to a balance of \$ 838,034.34.

The Foundation would meet today with National Bank of Commerce to receive their investment ideas.

Closing

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Carl Winkler led us in the Optimist Creed.

Al Reng

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“To be happy, drop the words if only and substitute instead the words next time.”

~Smiley Blanton, M.D.

CALENDAR

9/24 Thursday 6:30 pm Optimist Recreation Center

Installation Banquet

Special Guest – Governor Tolanda Beal

10/1 Thursday **6:00 pm** Mullin’s Restaurant

TBD –

10/6 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.

Board Meeting

10/8 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin’s Restaurant

TBD –

10/15 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (TBD)

10/22 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin’s Restaurant

TBD –

10/29 Thursday

NO MEETING – 5th Thursday

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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