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Opti - Topics

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August Business Meeting

Seventeen Optimists and one guest assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center today for the Club's August Business Meeting.

Anne Sandusky was our caterer today, and we had variety of sub sandwiches to eat, fresh veggies and fruit. Dessert was chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies and we had an assortment of drinks to choose from.

Opening

Eureka opened the meeting by asking Jesse Lang to bring the invocation, and Eureka led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our guest today was **Jerry Burnet** Political Action Committee Chair for the Alabama State Conference NAACP.

Optimist Family News

President Eureka presented a certificate to Bill Clarke thanking him for starting the Club's Band Instrument Loan Program. She told him that she had visited the storage facility when all the instruments were there and was very impressed.

Treasurer's Report



Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of 15,166.05.

Club meets
2nd Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at the
Piccadilly Cafeteria

4th Thursday
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
Center

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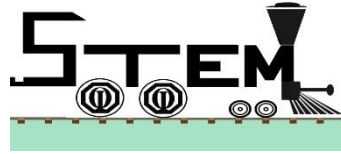
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Committee Reports



Tom Rumph committee chair reported that in November of 2017, letters were sent to eighteen principals of middle and elementary schools in Huntsville and Madison County. In February of 2018, follow-up emails were sent to the principals to remind them of the availability of the STEM grants.

Six applications were received: and accepted:

Whitesburg P-8 Greenpower Team
Monrovia Middle Greenpower Team
Madison County Elementary OSMOS Coding Program
Meridianville Middle Greenpower Team
Jones Valley Elementary
AAMU Community Development Center

An end of year report is being submitted to President Eureka with recommendations for improving the program.



Alberto Duarte reported that both Grace Lutheran School JOI Clubs have had their officers installed. The two clubs at Whitesburg K-8 are in the process of recruiting members now. The advisor at Randolph School has left and Alberto will be checking on the status of that club. The Hazel green JOI Club will meet next week. The AAMY Community Development Center JOI club is a work in process.



Foundation President Alberto Duarte gave a report on the Foundation's investments as of the close of the market's close on August 23, 2018. The Foundations account at Regions is now worth \$905,838, and the account at Synovus is worth \$172,918. The two accounts total 1,078,756.

Committee Chairs don't forget to send Eureka your end of year report by August 31.



Hawthorne Conservatory has announced the hiring of Michelle Bauer as the new Director of the Hawthorne Conservatory.



Michelle has taught voice and piano at Hawthorne since 2016 and served as interim director alongside Bess Desta for the past several months. She previously served as the Director of the Bravo School of Fine Arts and Excel School of Fine Arts. Michelle has both a BA and MA in Vocal Performance and has taught privately for many years. Michelle is excited about the ministry of Hawthorne and the impact it may have on the hearts of students and families.

Closing

President Eureka led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“The optimistic mind achieves more and lives happier.”

~ Anonymous

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING TIMES
ARE SWAPPED FOR SEPTEMBER**

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 11 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Gay Pepper)

SEPTEMBER 27 Thursday **6:00 pm** Optimist Recreation Center
Annual Officer Installation Banquet

PHOTOS



President Eureka Presents Bill Clarke with a Certificate



Tom Casteel Lights Candles in Memory of Jim Pepper and Carl Winkler at District Memorial Service



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TO:

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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