

# OPTIMIST NEWS

## Optimist Club of St. Charles, Missouri

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Below: Guest speaker Kelly Hunsel from the St Charles Fire Department provided information on area flooding and recovery concerns.



## From The President Jack Ross



*The other day a friend complained, “This week is slipping away too fast.” My reply was, “My life is slipping away too fast.” Do you ever have that feeling? I’m not really complaining because I am truly blessed. One of those blessings is working with Optimist. It has been a privilege to work with a fine group of dedicated people since I joined Optimist Club in 2013. I have made great friends and brought a couple of my friends into the club. The last two years as President have been fun but challenging. I discovered the people in the club have it all under control. One just has to step back and watch as each person steps up and handles their event. I am especially thankful for Ellen Parker who kept me on track in the board meetings. What a great group. Thanks for letting me be a part of it.*

### Notes of Interest to Club Members:

- 1. Jeff Marion has stepped down as Newsletter editor. Bob Beckman has volunteered to handle the job for August and September and Jack Ross will take over in October.**
- 2. Fred McGinley is unable to serve as President-Elect for the term starting in October. We need a replacement as soon as possible. Please consider stepping into the position.**
- 3. There is a Fourth Quarter Optimist Convention in Columbia, MO on August 9-11. No one on the board will be attending so if someone would like to represent St Charles, contact Jack Ross or Ellen Parker ASAP.**
- 4. Alison Griffith is the new coordinator of our Optimist social media. If you have pictures or information for events please email them to Alison. ([agriffith@stchlibrary.org](mailto:agriffith@stchlibrary.org))**



**Above: Rick Pundmann, Rich Krill and Dale Westby are ready for customers at the St. Charles County Fair Beer Garden.**

**Below: Bob Beckman prepares to serve a customer.**



## **St. Charles County Fair Beer Garden, by Dale Westby:**

**Our Club started volunteering to serve beer at the St. Charles County Fair in 1972. This was at the old St. Charles County Fair Grounds, which was located at Fairgrounds Road near the City of St. Charles. When the Fair Grounds land was sold, the County Fair was moved to the old St. Charles Speedway on Hwy 94 South for a few years where our Club continued to volunteer. During that time, the Fair Board attempted to purchase land near Cottleville. When that purchase was denied by the local residents, our club donated \$10,000 to the Fair Board to go toward the purchase of land. In the Auction Barn at the current Fair Grounds at Rotary Park in Wentzville, a sign is posted designating the Optimist Club of St. Charles into the "Circle of Honor". I have been told by officers of the Fair Board that had it not been for our generous donation, the Fair may not exist today. Our club donation sparked many other donations that enabled the County Fair to grow and develop into a 5 day event with many activities. Our Club has continued to serve in the Beer Gardens throughout the years.**

**As chairman of the St. Charles County Fair Project, I want to express my sincere thanks to each of the seventeen faithful Optimist Members that worked our booth on July 25, 2019. By donating our time for this project, we are able to help support between 500 to 600 youth in St. Charles County.**

**Members volunteering this year were as follows: Dale Westby, Bob Beckman, Rich Krill, Dave Borgmeyer, Rick Pundmann, Gerry Prinster, Sharon North, Mike and Julie King, Ernie Dempsey, Alison Griffith, Carl Sandstedt, Kathy Lohmann, Fred McGinley, Dean and Mary Krogmeier and Paul Hauser. A very special thank you to Tyler King, son of Mike and Julie King, who also volunteered. Not only was Tyler a great worker serving our customers, but he assisted in lifting the many half-barrels of beer which needed to be changed and moved in the refrigerated trailers. Thank you again, Tyler, you are a great young man.**

OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
June 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Jack Ross called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Jack Ross, and Carl Sandstedt.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Mark Cook moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019. David Borgmeyer seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ellen Parker reported that the cost of speaker frames had doubled from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Other options would be to use cardboard document covers that would cost from about \$1.80 to \$2.40 each. David Borgmeyer moved to keep using the frames even though the price has doubled. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer David Borgmeyer reported that most of the expenses for the month of May were from the Golf Tournament, Ford Fest, and the Spaghetti Dinner. Expenses from Ford Fest were reimbursed by Pundmann Ford.

David reported that 4 of the 5 \$1,000 scholarships for this year have been paid. He requested \$5,000 from our OI campaign fund to pay for the scholarships. Usually, the fund earns about \$4,800 in interest every year and pays out about \$4,000-\$5,000 in scholarships each year.

As of May 31, 2019, the general checking account has a balance of \$7,984.00. The savings account has a balance of \$7,762.45. The c/d's total \$36,371.66. General Accounts Total is \$52,568.48. The Scholarship Funds balance is \$184,368.77. The dues account shows a balance of \$450.37.

Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Ross reported that the issue with the Neighbor Helping Neighbor check through We Love St. Charles has been resolved.

The 2019-20 Installation Banquet is set for Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 pm at Pio's. Choice of entrée will be given as usual.

No Optimist noon meetings will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> (Pio's closed). Roger Deppe motioned to move the July board meeting to July 23, 2019. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fishing Derby: Mark Cook reported that the event was a success. All had fun. There was no expense for the awards as the trophies and medals used were from the cancelled event the previous year. Mark Cook donated the bait and the hot dog buns. Rick Pundmann donated the food (hot dogs, chips) and water.

Golf Tournament: Fred McGinley reported that the golf tournament raised about \$3,950. He will have an expense report next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Social Media Administrator: Jack Ross will contact new member Alison Griffith about coordinating social media sites for our club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Deppe moved to officially thank Pundmann Ford for all their contributions and support of the St. Charles Optimist Club throughout the year. Carl Sandstedt seconded. Motion passed.

Carl Sandstedt moved to follow up with a press release on the Ford drive/4urcommunity event. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed. Ellen Parker reported that she had sent a written thank you note to Pundmann Ford and will also look into creating a press release.

Salvation Army Request: Fred McGinley moved to increase our \$200 annual donation to Salvation Army to \$250 as a Light Sponsor for their Tree of Lights Kickoff Luncheon in lieu of our annual budgeted amount. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Cook moved to approve Debra O'Neal as a new member. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed. Ellen Parker will send her an email regarding her acceptance and her dues amount. She will place her on the official Roster on July 1, 2019 when the new quarter begins.

Fred McGinley will chair the All Ford Show event at Pundmann Ford on August 3, 2019.

Ellen Parker moved to keep all dues for regular and lifetime members the same as last year. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: David Borgmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary

OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
July 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Jack Ross called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Roger Deppe, Steve Harker, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Jack Ross, and Carl Sandstedt. Also in attendance was Jean Kent.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Steve Harker moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2019. Bob Beckman seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ellen Parker provided a draft of a sample press release to send to the Community News about the fundraiser at the Ford Fest in May. Steve Harker moved to send the press release as amended. Carl Sandstedt seconded. Motion passed.

Ellen Parker reported that she added Debra O'Neal as a new member and sent her an email informing her of her acceptance. The email also included information about the cost of membership for the remaining year and next year.

Ellen Parker reported that she will send out dues invoices for the 2019-2020 Optimist year in the middle of August with the due date as Sept. 15 per the discussion at the May 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

As of June 30, 2019, the general checking account has a balance of \$13,810.52. The savings account has a balance of \$7,763.09. The c/d's total \$36,544.93. General Accounts Total is \$58,118.54. The Scholarship Funds balance is \$182,369.04. The dues account shows a balance of \$510.17.

Roger Deppe moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Fred McGinley seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Ross reported that new member Alison Griffith has agreed to take over as coordinator for social media.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Golf Tournament: Fred McGinley reported that the golf tournament raised about \$3,950. He will send the expense report to Treasurer David Borgmeyer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Charles School District Foundation funding request: President Jack Ross will work with Mike Ebert on getting a member of the Foundation to come speak at a general meeting and make an official request. Even though this is a budgeted item (we think), we would like to have a speaker come tell us about the project we are sponsoring.

East Missouri Fourth Quarter Convention: The convention will be held in Columbia on August 9-11 in Columbia, MO. No one from the board was able to or interested in attending. If someone wants to volunteer to go, the club will pay.

Newsletter replacement for Jeff Marion: Jeff Marion has informed President Ross that he will no longer be able to serve as publisher of the club's monthly newsletter. Bob Beckman volunteered to publish the newsletter for August and September, and Jack Ross volunteered to take over the task in October when he steps down as President.

Fred McGinley announced that he will not be able to fulfill his position as Vice-President Elect. The board will take action to find a replacement for the 2019-2020 Optimist year.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for Newsletter is August 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Krogmeier moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary

# Events Calendar



- August 3** All Ford Show at Pundmann Ford (Workers Needed)
- August 6** Noon Meeting
- August 13** Noon Meeting
- August 16-19** Festival of the Little Hills Beer Garden; sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a8aa22a6fc1-2019>
- August 20** Noon Meeting (Board Meeting at 1pm)
- August 27** Noon Meeting
- August 29** Optimist Hour, 5:30 PM at Culpeppers
- September 26** Officer Installation Banquet - 6:00 PM at Pio's Restaurant

# Birthdays



- August 10** Earl Cullom
- August 21** Ralph Sundermeier
- August 24** Fred McGinley
- August 25** Dave Borgmeyer

# Anniversaries



- August 2** Bob/Jan Beckman
- August 10** Rick/Marge Pundmann
- August 11** Pat/Kathie McDonnell
- August 16** Larry/Lea Kraft
- August 29** Shelly/Dennis Reuther

# SPEAKERS PREVIEW

- August 6** Wayne Kaufman, Wayne Kaufman Fund
- August 13** Jeff Marion & Ellen Heitzig, Care to Learn Gala
- August 20** TBD
- August 27** TBD



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(Front row) Dave Borgmeyer, Fred McGinley, Jack Ross, Steve Harker, Ellen Parker, Jeff Marion

(Back Row) Mary Krogmeier, Mark Cook, Bob Beckman, Carl Sandstedt, Roger Deppe

(Not Pictured) Joe Gegg

## CLUB OFFICERS

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>JACK ROSS (314-287-0569)</b>
<b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	<b>STEVE HARKER (636-947-3179)</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>FRED MCGINLEY (314-393-0706)</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ELLEN PARKER (636-441-6857)</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>DAVE BORGMAYER (636-723-0275)</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	<b>JEFF MARION (314-898-7572)</b>

## BOARD MEMBERS

<b>BOB BECKMAN (636-947-9023)</b>	<b>CARL SANDSTEDT (636-293-9559)</b>
<b>MARY KROGMEIER (636-734-5903)</b>	<b>ROGER DEPPE (636-723-1937)</b>
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