

April 2023

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Club Events Calendar

Please monitor our social media and newsletter to stay current on Club activities. A snapshot of upcoming meetings and events, with those having volunteer opportunities shown in blue, include:

April: *Spaghetti Dinner (April 14); Board of Directors Election (April 18); Essay & Oratorical Recognition (April 18 & 25)*

May: *College Scholarships (May 2); Respect for Law (May 9); First Responders (May 16); Love Awards (TBD)*

June: *Fishing Derby (June 10); Optimist Golf Tournament (June 12); EMO Junior Golf (June 9)*

July: *County Fair Beer Garden (July 27)*

August: *Show-Me Mustang All-Ford Rally at Pundmann Ford (August 5); Festival Beer Garden (Aug 18-20)*

September: *Installation Banquet (9/29)*



**SELL SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKETS!
WE'RE READY TO SERVE!!**

MARCH RECAP

Justin Mosley Sr. is coordinator for Youth In Need's work with the National Safe Place Program. The program consists of a network of community organizations that open their doors to youth experiencing homelessness and crisis situations. He spoke on how the program can change the lives of young people in difficult situations <https://www.youthinneed.org/about-us/>



Joe Hatfield, EMO Jr. Golf Chair, spoke on the EMO Junior Golf Tournament on June 9th at Ste. Genevieve Golf Club. Optimists have been involved in junior golf for over 30 years by holding local, regional and international tournaments. Any young golfer (10-18) who is interested can enter a qualifying tournament. The best of these golfers advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. <https://oi-emo.org/jr-golf>

Dave Borgmeyer gave an overview of the St Charles Crime Stoppers and how it encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement in fighting crime in our area. <http://www.stcharlescrimestoppers.org/sitemenu.aspx?ID=790&>



APRIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

- April 4** Noon Meeting
To be Announced
- April 11** Noon Meeting
OI Candle Presentation to Bob Avery Family
- April 14** Spaghetti Dinner (11:00 am—6:30 pm)
at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park
- April 18** Noon & Board Meetings, Election
Essay Recognition—Top 3 Finishers
- April 25** Noon Meeting
Oratorical Recognition—Top 3 Finishers

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Rick Daleen, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster. Also in attendance were Don Jamison and Shelly Reuther.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Bob Beckman moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

- February expenses: NFB Credit card (\$92.86); Diapers to donate at District Conference (\$28.98); Scholarship Fund Deposit transferred from savings account (\$1,000); Buse's Flower Shop—Rick Pundmann (\$65); Pio's lunches for Dec. and Jan. (\$1,788); Thomson Printing for Spaghetti Dinner Flyers & Tickets (\$96); Hottenrott & Associates Accounting Firm for 2023 taxes (\$550) EMO District Essay Contest (\$25).
- Main January income was from lunches, pig fund, and Spaghetti Dinner income for a total of \$796.
- As of February 28, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$2,094.42. The savings account had a balance of \$4,576.13. The CDs total \$30,617.81. General Accounts total was \$35,193.94. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$186,182.15. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,129.11.
- The auditor for this year's taxes has gone up. Dave will check out other companies to see if we can get a better rate.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Celebrate Community:** Nothing new to report.
- **Golf Tournament:** Nothing new to report.
- **Essay Contest:** Chair Bob Beckman reported that the winning essay has been submitted to the next level. Recognition for the top three winners of our club contest will be held at the noon meeting on April 18, 2023.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Chair Bob Beckman reported that our club oratorical contest was held at Hardin Middle School with a great turnout of eleven competitors. The top two advance to the next level. Recognition for the top three winners of our club contest will be held at the noon meeting on April 25, 2023.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Chair Dale Westby reported during today's noon meeting that ticket sales are down from last year so far, so we need to keep selling. If you can post a yard sign advertising the event, contact Dale Westby.
- **Nominating Committee:** Roger Deppe moved to set the election date for the 2023-24 officers and board members for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the noon meeting. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.
- **Membership Committee:** Nothing new to report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Scholarship Program Guidelines:** A general discussion was held on what exactly is stated in the by-laws for our Senior Scholarship Program which already include students who reside in the city but attend a school other than the five schools stated in the by-laws (Duchesne, Lutheran-St. Charles, Orchard Farm, St. Charles High, and St. Charles West). Ellen Parker moved to continue following the Scholarship Program by-laws as written, and if applications come in from St. Charles residents attending another school, the committee will present it to the board of directors for approval of increasing the scholarship amount for that year. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.
- **Fairwinds River's Edge Golf Tournament Sponsorship:** Bob Beckman moved to donate \$150 to the Fairwinds River's Edge Golf Tournament as a hole sponsor. Rick Daleen seconded. Motion passed.
- **American Legion Boys and Girls State:** No action taken due to lack of information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Use of Credit Card at Fundraising Events:** Shelly Reuther researched the feasibility of using Online Credit Card Processing for our fundraisers. She reported that Reliant Pay could provide us with one terminal for each event without having to purchase the hardware. The fees involved would include a 0.25% fee for each credit card swipe plus a transaction fee (usually \$0.07), and a credit card interchange cost (.005% to 2.75% of the transaction amount). Our club would be responsible for that cost per ticket unless we charge the user a higher amount. Internet must also be available at the site of the event. In comparison to purchasing the equipment ourselves, she stated that to buy the "square" would cost \$49.00. Additional costs would include a processing fee and a transaction fee per swipe as well as a \$10 monthly fee for using the app. Discussion centered around whether there really was a need for this at our events. Using Venmo as an alternative was also brought up. Shelly agreed to look into setting up Venmo. Dave Borgmeyer moved to postpone using Reliant Pay Online Credit Card Processing at the Spaghetti Dinner and Golf Tournament this year until we explore other avenues such as Venmo and collect data for future use. Rick Daleen seconded. Motion passed.
- **Mike Ebert** reported about a student at Hardin Middle School who was in need of a new prosthesis and could need help with funding. No action taken due to lack of information.
- **Elena Cook** suggested purchasing a table skirt displaying our club name and logo to advertise at our events. Elena will look into the cost.
- **Rick Daleen** suggested a couple ideas for new fundraisers such as Musical Bingo or a Trivia Night, possibly creating competition between school or service organizations.
- **Mark Cook** moved to approve Stefanie Helfer as a new member (sponsored by Dale Westby). Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Boy Scouts of America Donation Request.** \$200 has already been sent as a yearly budgeted item.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Mark Cook** moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: GERRY PRINSTER

SECRETARY: ELLEN PARKER

PRESIDENT-ELECT: PAUL HAUSER

TREASURER: DAVE BORGMEYER

VICE PRESIDENT: RICK DALEEN

PAST PRESIDENT: BOB BECKMAN

DIRECTORS:

1 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK

ROGER DEPPE

DEAN KROGMEIER

2 YEAR TERMS

MARK COOK

MIKE EBERT

STEVE HARKER

CLUB INFORMATION and SOCIAL MEDIA

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Like us on Facebook! "Optimist Club of St. Charles, MO" or the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/Optimist-Club-of-St-Charles-MO-416164208567872/>

Meetings: Our weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Pio's Restaurant, 401 First Capitol Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301.
Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month.
Visitors are welcome.