

December 2022

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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Quick Notes on Club Happenings

- We have several openings for project chairs and co-chairs. Although there can be a learning curve when someone takes on a new role, we have written event guidelines to help in the transition. Members are asked to stretch themselves and volunteer for a chair or co-chair position, which will help our club continue meeting its mission in the community.
- The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Bell Ringing at Schnuck's Lindenwood is scheduled December 13th & 15th from 5:00-7:00 pm. See Gerry to sign up.
- Elena Cook is coordinating an Optimist Club booth at "Helping Hands for the Holidays" on December 14th, 4:00-7:00 pm at the SC Convention Center. This event is an opportunity to display the resources our club provides for community support.
- An Optimistic Hour is scheduled at Mattingly's Sports Bar & Grill on Truman Blvd starting at 6:00 pm on December 21st. We will have our own private room and 50/50 funds will be used to buy an assortment of foods. Members are encouraged to invite a friend to learn more about us and consider joining the club.
- Mobile Market at Harvester Lions is tentative. Possibly December 15th.

NOVEMBER SPEAKERS & EVENTS

Dr. Beth Templin, owner of Housefit-St. Louis, is a leading Geriatric Physical Therapist in the St. Louis area who helps older adults move and feel better through use of exercise. Dr. Templin led our noon group in how to strengthen muscles to improve balance, how to minimize injury from falls, and how to get up in case of falls. Her presentation was fun and enjoyed by all.



Adi Naumann, Recreation Director for the St. Charles Parks Department, represented the Park Foundation to accept the 2021-2022 "pig fund" donation our club gives annually to a worthy organization in the St. Charles community. This year the donation was \$1000. The Park Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation, education, and the preservation of our Parks .

We again celebrated Youth in Government Day, co-chaired by Dulcie Coulliard and Paul Hauser. This program gives youth the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge on government operations and services. The students and their city hosts attended our noon meeting for lunch between their morning and afternoon briefings.



DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

- December 6** Noon Meeting
Speaker to be announced
- December 13** Noon Meeting
Speaker to be announced
- December 13/15** Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Schnuck's Lindenwood, 5:00-7:00 pm
- December 14** "Helping Hands" Optimist Booth
SC Convention Center, 4:00-7:00 pm
- December 20** Noon Meeting & Board Meeting
SCHS Choir Holiday Program
- December 21** Optimistic Hour
Mattingly's Sports Bar & Grill, 6:00 pm
- December 27** Noon Meeting
Speaker to be announced

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: President Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Dave Borgmeyer, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Roger Deppe, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Paul Hauser moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022 and the minutes of the special meeting on October 25, 2022 as read. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main October expenses included the OI membership dues for the JOI Club, and Buse's and Shumsky's for the Installation Banquet flowers and gifts.
- Main October income was from the installation banquet and lunches.
- As of October 31, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$8,360.99. The savings account had a balance of \$5,575.02. The CDs total \$30,579.89. General Accounts total was \$46,892.07. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$184,050.42. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,376.17.
- Mark Cook pointed out that Midwest Bank has raised interest rates to 4% which is higher than our current rate at Enterprise Bank. Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer will look into switching to a higher rate when the CDs mature.
- Discussion also was held about the increase in costs of yearly expenses such as engraving and PO Box rental.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Prinster thanked Bob Beckman and Roger Deppe for their valuable assistance with his presidential duties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Celebrate Community**: Bob Beckman visited the Mobile Market to see the operation in action and he reported that the procedure ran smoothly and not much heavy lifting was involved. The paperwork for having the event at the Harvester Lions Club location has not yet been approved so the new target date for Celebrate Community's Mobile Market project will be December 15, 2022.
- **Helping Hands Event**: Will be held at the St. Charles Convention Center from 4-7 Pm on December 14, 2022. Elena Cook has filled out the application for our club to have a table at the event where we will have hands-on holiday themed activity for the kids and will also use the event as an opportunity to promote our club.
 - Roger Deppe moved to allow up to \$200 for promotional items for the Helping Hands Events. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.
 - Dave Borgmeyer moved to allow up to \$150 for materials for the hands-on holiday activity for the children. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- **High School Choir Christmas Program**: Gerry Prinster will follow up with Jason Sefrit to arrange a date for St. Charles High School Choir to perform at a meeting in December.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **Youth in Government Day**: Four students from St. Charles West and Orchard Farm High School along, with Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, a representative from the Fire Department and Police Department, attended the noon meeting. This event was chaired by Dulcie Couillard and Paul Hauser.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**: Gerry Prinster will contact the Salvation Army.
- **Santa Breakfast (Blackhurst) and NHC Thanksgiving with JOI Club**: Ellen Parker will contact Mike Ebert to see if we will be able to assist with these events again this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Membership**: Nothing to report.
- **Lunch Cost Deficits**: It is estimated that we are losing about \$60 a week on our lunch bill to Pio's due to low attendance at our weekly lunch meetings. We pay for a minimum of 15 lunches each Tuesday even when attendance falls below that. This is in addition to paying for our guest lunches which we have always done. Discussion didn't lead to any solutions. Roger Deppe moved "bite the bullet" and have the club absorb the deficits. Ellen Parker seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2021-22 Pig Money Donation**: Ellen Parker moved to increase the amount of the donation to St. Charles Parks Department Foundation to \$1000. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- **President's Credit Card**: Bob Beckman moved to close the Presidential Credit Card account and shred the card. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.
- **Schedule of Events/Fundraisers and Chairpersons**: The list of events by month was attached to the agenda for informational purposes. We need new chairpersons/organizers for the following events: Fishing Derby (June), Festival of the Little Hills Beer Booth (August), and Salvation Army Bell Ringing (December).
- **Missouri Leadership Seminar**: Tabled until next month.
- **New Membership Approval**:
 - Dave Borgmeyer moved to approve Charles (Chuck) Ratermann as a new member. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed. (Roger Deppe is his sponsor)
 - Ellen Parker moved to approve Don Jamison as a new member. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed. (Bob Beckman is his sponsor).

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank-you letter was received from Missouri Baptist University for providing scholarship money for an incoming freshman. The University honored our club as a Missouri Baptist President's Club Donor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Deadline for next newsletter is November 25, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Mark Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 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

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DIRECTORS:

1 YEAR TERMS

ELENA COOK

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2 YEAR TERMS

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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.