

OPTIMIST NEWS

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Items of Interest:

- The Board has selected the St. Charles branch of the Salvation Army to receive the fiscal year 2020-2021 “Pig Fund” money.
- “Project Invite” has been endorsed by the Board of Directors to encourage members to invite people and hopefully increase club membership. Be watching your email for further details and how you can participate in this important effort.
- An election committee is being formed and will be contacting members to encourage running for a Board position in the April election. Please consider this opportunity to become more directly involved in club policy and decisions.
- Dale Westby has volunteered to chair the Club’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Current plans are to combine this celebration with the Induction Dinner in September. Details to follow.

President Fred McGinley



We are approaching one year since the lockdowns in St. Charles County due to the coronavirus. Although we were able to resume noon meetings in June, we were not able to hold several of our annual fund-raising events last year and we anticipate having to reschedule or possibly cancel events this year. Also, fewer members are attending our noon meetings resulting in less money being donated to the “Pig Fund” for a local charity. Despite these challenges, our Club remains dedicated to supporting the youth in our community and to increasing both attendance at our meetings and membership in the Club. Roger Deppe’s “Project Invite” is starting this month and members are asked to accept Roger’s challenge to invite family and friends to a meeting and have them consider joining our Club. When they see the benefits we provide to youth, they will be sold on joining us. Thank you for supporting this initiative.



**“HAPPINESS
DOESN’T RESULT
FROM WHAT WE
GET, BUT FROM
WHAT WE GIVE”**

BEN CARSON

CORRESPONDENCE AND OPPORTUNITIES

**From: Friends of Warrior Wrestling (“FOWW”)
Regarding: Optimist Club of St. Charles Donation**

We are blessed and thankful beyond words for the donation we received from the Optimist Club for our 2020-21 Jr Wrestling facility usage. We not only received \$1,000 from the Optimist Club to pay for the facility usage fees at the Boys and Girls Club, but we were directed there via Mike Ebert. The connection and donation allow us to provide a proper facility for our season. The District is not allowing youth sports at the buildings due to Covid regulations so we were in a tight spot.

The impact this will have on our students is tremendous. This donation allows the student athletes to relieve stress via wrestling in a safe and controlled environment. The mental, emotional, and social stability of our kids is really being tested right now. Providing this facility, you guys have really changed and prevented many kids from suffering all winter.

We are so very thankful for the Optimist Club and all you do silently behind the scenes for our students and staff members.

**Sincerely,
Rocky Vercher
Scott Anderson**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

◆ Oratorical Contest

- ⇒ 1 timekeeper for the Oratorical Contest;
scheduled via Zoom for March 13th (tentative)***
- ⇒ Contact Bob Beckman to volunteer***

◆ OFFICER and BOARD ELECTION COMMITTEE

- ⇒ Committee chair and 2-3 committee members are needed for
the election to be held in April 2021***

INTERESTED? See Board Meeting Minutes for details about these events

QUESTIONS? Contact Bob Beckman or a Board member

Note: The Club will follow St. Charles City & County government guidance/guidelines for holding club events and meetings during the pandemic crisis.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Fred McGinley called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Beckman, Mark Cook, Mike Ebert, Mary Krogmeier, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, Gerry Prinster, & Dale Westby. Also in attendance were Elena Cook and Roger Deppe.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Gerry Prinster moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2020 as amended. Dale Westby seconded. The minutes were approved.
- Secretary Ellen Parker also reported that February 4, the first Thursday in February, is National Optimist Day. Ol suggested that members wear Optimist apparel and post a picture on social media with #Optimist Day 2021. Our club decided to have all members wear Optimist apparel to the noon meeting on February 2nd and have a group picture taken to post on Facebook.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that:

- As of December 31, 2020, the general checking account had a balance of \$1,465.05. The savings account had a balance of \$5,070.92. The c/d's total \$37,316.77. General Accounts total was \$43,852.74. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$184,730.40. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,310.29.
- Dale Westby moved to file the financial report with the auditor. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **Weekly attendance/Weekly guest speakers:** President McGinley reported that due to decreased attendance at noon meetings, the current deficit spending for lunches is about \$50 or \$200 per month. Bob Beckman mentioned that in the past we have spent about half that in meals for guests and speakers, and since we have not been able to have guest speakers lately, it is not a total loss.
- President McGinley also made a request for volunteers to suggest or arrange guest speakers either in person or on Zoom. Mike Ebert suggested that we have someone from the St. Charles School District Foundation come to speak.
- **Boys and Girls Club:** Since member Elena Cook is no longer with the Boys and Girls Club, we need a new contact person. Elena mentioned two possibilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Essay Contest:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that essays were due by January 29, and that the winning essay from our local contest must be submitted to District by February 28.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Chairman Bob Beckman reported that the Oratorical Contest will most likely be held using Zoom on March 13. He still needs two more judges and a time keeper.
- **Golf Tournament:** Discussion centered around having the tournament in September again or move it back to June as we have done in the past. Chairman Fred McGinley also suggested moving the tournament to the morning, serving breakfast and lunch, rather than the usual afternoon tournament with lunch and dinner. No decision was made. The 2021 tournament will be held at St. Peters Golf Course. He will put a deposit down with the golf course.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

- **Spaghetti Dinner**: Chairman Sharon North would like to postpone or cancel the Spaghetti Dinner again this year due to continued logistic problems due to Covid. Ellen Parker moved to postpone the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser until September after the start of the school year. Dale Westby seconded. Motion passed.
- **50 Year Anniversary/Installation Banquet**: Dale Westby volunteered to organize details to celebrate our club's 50th anniversary.
- **Election Committee**: Chairman and members are needed to volunteer for this committee. Action is tabled until next month.
- **Scholarship Committee**: Chairman Mike Ebert reported that he has sent applications out to the high schools. Deadline for their return will be in March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **District Retention/Exit Interview Plan**: Mark Cook moved to authorize that our club sign up for the OI Program. Mary Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.
- **Enterprise Bank CD**: President Fred McGinley stated that the maturity date is not until this spring, not December as previously thought.
- **Pig Fund Recipient**: National Alliance of Mental Illness and Salvation Army were suggested as recipients of this year's Pig Fund. Discussion centered around whether we could stipulate that money going to either could be allocated specifically to St. Charles. Mike Ebert moved the 2020-21 Pig Fund money be donated to Salvation Army in St. Charles. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.
- **Project Invite**: Roger Deppe spoke about the purpose of his proposal to help our club recruit new members (see attachment from November board meeting). Mike Ebert moved to endorse Roger Deppe's "Project Invite". Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.
- **Pioneer Expedition (DHS Dinner Auction) Donation Request**: Mark Cook moved to donate a full-page ad for their program in the amount of \$250. Ellen Parker seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Elena Cook representing Optimist Club with Economic Development Council of St. Charles County**: Elena Cook discussed the role of the EDC of St. Charles County, requesting that the club represent her on this committee if the EDC approved. Dale Westby moved to allow Elena Cook to represent the Optimist Club of St. Charles on the Economic Development Council of St. Charles County. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you letter from F.A.S.T., recipient of last year's pig fund, was received.
- A letter from Warrior Junior Wrestling program was sent out to all their members thanking our club for donating money for them to rent the Boys and Girls Club facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the next newsletter will be January 29, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Westby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary

MILESTONES AND LOOK-AHEAD



February Schedule

- February 2** Noon Meeting
- February 9** Noon Meeting
- February 16** Noon Meeting (Board Meeting to Follow)
- February 23** Noon Meeting

Birthdays

- February 6** Richard Green
- February 9** Allen Field
- February 9** Carl Sandstedt
- February 12** Joe Gegg
- February 20** Alan Suit

Membership Anniversaries



- February:** Ellen Parker — 8 years
- Alan Suit — 8 years

Wedding Anniversaries



- February 27** Alan & Brenda Suit

Speakers Preview

- February 2** Ron Kloppenburg — Boone Center Inc.
- February 9** Tracy Frauen — SC School District Foundation (via Zoom)
- February 16** STEM Education — Developing 21st Century Problem Solvers (video)
- February 23** Loren Cook — Cyber Security





ST. CHARLES CLUB OFFICERS (2020-2021)

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BOARD DIRECTORS

MARK COOK (314-520-0913)	MIKE EBERT (314-402-9039)
ALLEN FIELD (314 398-8742)	MARY KROGMEIER (636-734-5903)
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