

March 2023

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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THE 2023-24 NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR OPTIMISTIC, DEDICATED, AND WILLING PARTICIPANTS TO HELP GOVERN OUR CLUB:

If you are willing to serve on our Board of Directors, please let the Nominating Committee know of your interest. Committee members are: Gerry Printer, Roger Deppe, Paul Hauser, Dave Borgmeyer, and Bob Beckman.

The Club election will be held in April. Candidates are needed for Vice-President and three Director positions. The VP will serve one year, then move up to President-Elect for one year and then serve as President. The Directors will serve two-year terms.

The Board normally meets following the noon meeting on the third Tuesday of every month.

The future of our Club is dependent on a fully functioning Board of Directors. Please take this opportunity to serve your Club.

FEBRUARY RECAP

Mike Klinghammer, Director of Economic Development for St. Charles, gave an update for voters to consider Proposition 7 on the April 4th ballot that would enact a use tax in the City of Saint Charles on purchases of goods from out of state vendors. A use tax is intended to level the playing field for local businesses that already collect sales tax and help fund city services.

<https://www.stcharlescitymo.gov/640/Proposition-7>



Kate Uptergrove, Managing Editor of Mid Rivers Newsmagazine, gave an interesting overview of the workings of this local publication. Their website states they are St. Charles County's exclusive direct-mailed community newspaper and they also offer an e-newsletter. Their goal is to increase coverage of local news and sports. See their website for more information:

<https://www.midriversnewsmagazine.com/>

Dale Westby kick-started our membership drive with a briefing on the importance of current members taking an active role in growing club membership, with the primary theme to "Just Invite" someone to attend a meeting or club event.

Optimist Club of St. Charles



Come Grow With Us

Invite Someone Today

MARCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

- March 7** Noon Meeting
Crime Stoppers Briefing by Dave Borgmeyer
- March 11** Oratorical Contest
Hardin Middle School—9:30 am First Speaker
- March 14** Noon Meeting
Speaker to be announced
- March 21** Noon Meeting & Board Meeting
Ernie Wren, East MO District Governor
- March 28** Noon Meeting
Speaker to be announced

PLANNING SCHEDULE, CHAIRS, VOLUNTEERS FOR ANTICIPATED CLUB EVENTS

Month	Optimist Club Events & Fundraisers	Chair Person	Volunteers Needed
On Hold	Celebrate Community Mobile Market	- OPEN -	Food Distribution
January	Spelling Bee—Pending SCSD Decision to Hold Event	Ellen Parker	
February	Essay Contest (Recognition Luncheon in April)	Bob Beckman	Contest Judges
March	Oratorical Contest (Recognition Lunch in April/May)	Bob Beckman	Contest Judges/Timer
April	Spaghetti Dinner—Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park	Dale Westby	Set-up; Tear Down; Food Prep; Servers
April	Shower of Love	Shelly Reuther/ Gerry Prinster	Greeters Who Solicit Needed Items
May	Pundmann Quicklane Ford Fest	TBD	Food Trailer Set-up; Cooks; Servers
May	Respect for Law Day	Rick Daleen	
May	First Responders Recognition	Dale Westby	
May	High School Scholarships—Recognition Luncheon	Mike Ebert	
June	Golf Tournament	Dean Krogmeier	Registration Table & Set-up; Beverage Cart
June	Fishing Derby	Fred McGinley	Fishing Assistance Food Trailer Help
July	St Charles County Fair Beer Garden—Rotary Park	Dale Westby	Drink Ticket Sales; Servers
August	All Ford Car Show—Pundmann Ford	TBD	Food Trailer Set-up; Cooks; Servers
August	Festival of the Little Hills Beer Garden (Support)	Chuck Ratermann	Servers
August	School Supplies Donations—SCSD & OF Schools	Mary Krogmeier	Deliveries to Schools
September	Board Installation Banquet	Outgoing President	Planning Committee
November	Youth in Government Day (Alternate City and County Government participation) - with Luncheon at Pio's	Dulcie Couillard / Paul Hauser	
November	NHC Thanksgiving with JOI (pending NHC okay)	Mike Ebert	
December	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	- OPEN -	Bell Ringers
December	Santa Breakfast (at Blackhurst Elementary)	Mike Ebert	
December	Helping Hands for the Holidays	Elena Cook	Booth Set-up; Greeters
December	High School Choir Sings—alternating SCHS & SCW	Club President	

Event News and Volunteers Needed:

- **Project chairs & volunteers:** Members are asked to consider volunteering as chairs, co-chairs or helpers on club projects. See the listing above for projects, chairs, and volunteer help needed.
- **Spaghetti Dinner April 14th:** Club members are asked to sell tickets ahead of the event so we can accurately gauge the amount of food needed. Flyers for posting in prominent places and yard signs promoting the event are available from Dale Westby. Volunteers will be needed before, during and following the event to transport food and supplies, prepare and serve food, and clean-up afterwards.
- **Golf Tournament June 12th:** Entry forms for this important fundraiser are available from Dean Krogmeier or on our website and Facebook page. Club members are encouraged to solicit players/teams and tournament sponsors to make this a fun and profitable event. Volunteers will be needed to register golfers on the morning of the event and for various duties during the day.

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

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

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Dave Borgmeyer moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Roger Deppe moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 24, 2023. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main January expenses: Christmas Program (\$500); East Missouri District 2nd Quarter Conference attendance (2 members) (\$130); Golf Flyers (\$54); Optimist Ad in Youth In Need Gala Program (\$150); 4 Miscellaneous expenses (\$214), total \$1,047.80.
- Main January income was from lunches and pig fund and a \$100 donation in memory of Rick Pundmann, total \$875.00.
- As of December 31, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$3,851.40. The savings account had a balance of \$5,576.10. The CDs total \$30,598.95. General Accounts total was \$40,026.45. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$185,182.10 (includes OI interest earned in 4Q2022 of \$1,131,63). The dues account showed a balance of \$2,129.11.
- The CDs mature in June 2023. Dave will look into better interest rates before reinvesting.
- Dave reported that when the club updated the approved signatures on the PNC Bank money market, it brought to PNC's attention that our account balance was below the minimum needed to waive a monthly service charge. Therefore, Dave transferred \$1,000 from the NFB savings account to the PNC account. PNC then agreed to reverse the \$12 service charge. The new account balances will reflect this transfer in the February Treasurer's Report.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Following up on Dale Westby's membership presentation, President Gerry Prinster asked that all members take the time to read the email messages issued by Optimist International and East Missouri District leadership.
- Gerry Prinster and Elena Cook will represent our club at the 2nd Quarter East Missouri District Conference on February 24-25. Elena purchased diapers for our Club's donation in support of the EMO District's drive to support those in need .

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Celebrate Community**: Gerry Prinster reported that the St. Louis Area Food Bank has had insufficient supplies of food to support all Mobile Markets being held in the St. Louis area and had to suspend three (3) Mobile Markets. As the most recently formed group, our Celebrate Community Mobile Market has been suspended until further notice. Also, Gerry will follow-up on status of other Celebrate Community projects that were being pursued when we last met as a group.
- **Golf Tournament**: Chair Dean Krogmeier reported the event is on-track.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

- **Essay Contest**: Chair Bob Beckman reported that no essays were submitted to date, and he is requesting a status update from the Junior Optimist leader.
- **Oratorical Contest**: Chair Bob Beckman reported that no firm date for holding the contest at Hardin Middle School has been established. If a date cannot be determined soon, Bob will pursue other venues for holding the contest in mid-to-late March.
- **Spaghetti Dinner**: Chair Dale Westby reported during today's noon meeting that tickets are available for all members to take and sell, flyers are available to post in prominent locations, and date stickers would be applied to existing yard signs for members to promote the event. Members are encouraged to actually sell their tickets instead of paying for them out of their own pockets and giving them away. This reduces the number of no-shows and resulting food wasted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Scholarship Program Guidelines**: A general discussion was held on what exactly is stated in the by-laws for students and schools eligible for consideration for a college scholarship, along with the pro's and con's of changing the by-laws. Because Mike Ebert was not in attendance to provide additional input, Roger Deppe made a motion to again table the topic until Mike is available. Paul Hauser seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob Beckman's notice to include a request from Fairwinds River's Edge for sponsorship of their golf tournament was not on the agenda. Because Bob did not have the details/cost of sponsorships available, and we have time to consider this request in a future meeting (the event is scheduled for September 2023), it will be addressed at a later date.
- A request from American Legion Boys (and Girls?) State for a \$500 donation was discussed. Dave Borgmeyer reported that we have \$200 budgeted for this event and will need Board approval to increase the budget to \$500. Dean Krogmeier made a motion to approve a \$500 donation. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. During discussion of the motion, it was noted that the Board needs a written request or flyer that provides details of the event in order to answer questions raised by Board members (i.e. Lindenwood University's role, person or persons our donation will be sponsoring, etc.) Also, we will want someone to attend as a speaker about the event (possibly the person we sponsor). Motion was disapproved. Roger Deppe then made a motion to table the request until Mike Ebert is available. Steve Harker seconded. Motion approved.
- **Nominating Committee volunteers** – Roger Deppe, Paul Hauser, Dave Borgmeyer, Bob Beckman. No motion was made to approve. If one is needed, we will need special meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Steve Harker moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Borgmeyer seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at or about 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Beckman, acting for:
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.