

March 2024

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY RECAP



Hilda Andes, Executive Director of the Foundry Art Centre of St. Charles gave an enthusiastic and passionate overview of the many ways they connect people with the Arts through Exhibitions, Galleries, Artists, Classes, and other fun activities involving art. Visit them in-person or see their website for more information.

<http://foundryartcentre.org/>

Julie Seymore, Executive Director of The Child Advocacy Center of NE Missouri, explained the use of forensic interviews of abused children for collection of evidence, therapeutic services for abused children, educating adults and children on abuse, and parent programs on body and internet safety.

<https://www.cacnemo.org/>



Marc Sikma & Caraline Gallegos gave their always inspiring story on the We Love St. Charles non-profit. In addition to the Jefferson Intermediate School Love Awards, for which our Club is a major sponsor, they have expanded into family mentoring, "Storefront" supplies, and other relationship builders in the community.

Website: <https://welovestcharles.com/>



Jake Brooks, President of SSM St. Joseph Hospitals in St. Charles and Lake St. Louis, gave an informative update on services being provided by their St. Charles County hospitals, Behavioral Health Center, and out-patient facilities. Phase 1 of their exterior refresh on St. Joseph St. Charles is nearing completion and Phase 2 is planned in 2025.

Website: <https://www.ssmhealth.com>



President Paul Hauser



*Dear St Charles Optimist Club Members,
For all of your hard work and dedication to the youth:*

- *there are smiling children,*
- *active young athletes,*
- *delighted contest winners,*
- *enthusiastic academic achievement recipients!*

What we do has a purpose.

With that in mind, we are getting into the fundraising season for the Club and it is coming at a time when funds are much needed.

Please help support our endeavors, sell tickets, get a golf team and sponsors, keep bringing smiles and activities to the youth of the community.

*Wishing you all the Best,
President Paul*

MARCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| March 5 | Noon Meeting
Sally Faith—Dementia & Her Book |
| March 12 | Noon Meeting
Mayor Dan Borgmeyer |
| March 16 | Oratorical Contest
Hardin Middle School |
| March 19 | Noon and Board Meetings
Open |
| March 26 | Noon Meeting
Erin Johnson—Addiction is Real |

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: President Paul Hauser called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

ATTENDANCE: David Borgmeyer, Mike Ebert, Paul Hauser, Don Jamison, Fred McGinley, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster. Also in Attendance was Bob Beckman.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Gerry Prinster moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2024. Don Jamison seconded. Motion passed.
- The vote to approve our By-Laws, taken at the general meeting on February 20, 2024 passed with a unanimous vote of those present. President Paul Hauser and Secretary Ellen Parker need to attach their electronic signatures to the revised By-Laws before sending them to OI.

TREASURER REPORT:

- February expenses: Visa Credit Card (\$42.87); SAM's Club Annual Dues (\$151.07); Pio's December Lunches (\$696); Advertisement for Youth in Need Gala (\$150); St. Charles Junior Baseball/Softball Sponsorship for one team (\$400). Total expenses (\$1,439.94).
- Main August income: Lunches (\$516); Transfer from savings for lunches (\$500 + \$300); Total deposits (\$1,316.00).
- As of January 31, 2024, the general checking account had a balance of \$143.94. The savings account had a balance of \$3,278.39. The CDs total was \$31,245.29. General Accounts total was \$34,667.62. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$186,551.94. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,168.16.
- Gerry Prinster moved to file the report with the auditor. Don Jamison seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Paul Hauser reported that he is looking to schedule more speakers for the upcoming months. Open dates are March 19th, March 26th, and April 2nd. Please contact Paul Hauser if you have any ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Essay Contest:** Chairperson Bob Beckman reported that three winners for the Essay Contest have been chosen. The winner will advance to the district level. The three winners will be recognized at a noon meeting in April.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Will be held March 16th at Hardin Middle School. The top two winners will advance to the district level.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Blanchette Memorial Hall has been reserved for our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Friday, April 5th (the Friday after Easter). Please sell as many tickets as you can so we can make this year's Spaghetti Dinner a successful fundraiser.
- **Golf Tournament:** Chairperson Fred McGinley reported that he has reserved St. Peter's Golf Course for June 3, 2024 with a morning tee off. Please try to solicit hole sponsors and get teams to sign up.
- **Fishing Derby:** The Community Living Fishing Derby is set for June 8, 2024 at Busch Wildlife. Help will be needed to assist the fishermen and cook and serve lunch.
- **Fundraising Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **2024-25 Election Committee:** Nothing new to report. Voting will take place in April.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Permission Form for Sharing Photos/Videos:** Dave Borgmeyer moved to adopt the OI Photograph Release Form for all club members and guest speakers. Mike Ebert seconded. Motion passed. Secretary Parker will have these ready to be handed out at noon meetings.
- **Trailer Offer:** Tabled until next month.
- **New Storage Area:** Tabled until next month.
- **EMO 2nd Quarter Conference:** February 23-24. President Hauser will attend via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Release Waivers for Essay and Oratorical Contests:** Ellen Parker moved to use the current OI Essay Contest Application and the OI Oratorical Contest Application for our Club Level Contests. Don Jamison seconded. Motion passed.
- **Jefferson Love Awards:** Don Jamison moved to donate \$1500 to We Love St. Charles to sponsor the 2023-24 Jefferson Love Awards. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Deadline for next newsletter is end of February, 2024.**

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Ellen Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Prinster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parker, Secretary**

2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: PAUL HAUSER

SECRETARY: ELLEN PARKER

PRESIDENT-ELECT: RICK DALEEN

TREASURER: DAVE BORGMAYER

VICE PRESIDENT: ELENA COOK

PAST PRESIDENT: GERRY PRINSTER

DIRECTORS:

1 YEAR TERMS

MARK COOK

MIKE EBERT

STEVE HARKER

2 YEAR TERMS

DON JAMISON

FRED McGINLEY

CHUCK RATERMANN

CLUB INFORMATION and SOCIAL MEDIA

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Club Website: <https://scoptimists.weebly.com/>

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.