

November 2022

# OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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## Celebrate Community Project Status

**Mobile Market:** First one is Thursday, Nov. 17, 2:00-5:00 pm, at Harvester Lions Club, 4835 Central School Road. Planning to hold a Mobile Market at this location on the third Thursday every other month. 3 volunteers per club per event. Looking to set up a second operation in the northern part of St. Charles County and targeting a January or February 2023 start.

**Faith Haven House (Men):** Potentially have service clubs provide volunteers to help out in the facility, donate clothing and supplies, and offer financial assistance. Discussed each service club donating funds one month per year towards utility expenses, etc.

**Blueways Cleanup:** Planning the first cleanup on a weekend afternoon in December. Looking to do 3 cleanups per year. Volunteers will be working in water (kayaks and john boats) and on creek banks. Each club to provide volunteers and possibly invite our JOI club members to participate.

**Helping Seniors:** Activities to help lift spirits and meet the needs of seniors in our community. Possibilities discussed were: adopt a senior, hold events at senior facilities, invite seniors to attend club meetings, donate food, cookies, puzzles, games, etc.

## OCTOBER SPEAKERS & EVENTS



*Dan Foust Jr. of the First Capitol Lions Club and leader of the Celebrate Community Collaboration initiative presented plans, progress and help needed from our club to make this initiative a success. See details on projects being planned in the text box to the left on this page.*



*Dave Borgmeyer gave an interesting presentation on his 10 day tour of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and surrounding countries, including climbing a long flight of steps resulting in a stress fracture in his foot! Thank you Dave for the presentation!!*



*Rick Daleen led a group participation exercise that helped us identify our individual strengths and passions as a way to find Club activities that would be of interest to members and non-members alike. Our goal is to hold meaningful events that will attract new members and increase the participation of inactive members.*



*The Club was a \$1000 sponsor of Lori's Legacy of Love at the Care to Learn Gala, honoring former member Lori Wootten. This event is a major fundraiser for the St Charles School District and provides much needed funding for teaching.*

## NOVEMBER MEETINGS & PROJECTS

- November 1** Noon Meeting  
Bob Beckman, Celebrate Community
- November 8** Noon Meeting  
Speaker to be announced
- November 15** Noon Meeting & Board Meeting  
Youth in Government Day
- November 17** Mobile Market at Harvester Lions
- November 22** Noon Meeting  
Speaker to be announced
- November 29** Noon Meeting  
Speaker to be announced

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
October 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President-Elect Paul Hauser called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** Bob Beckman, Elena Cook, Mark Cook, Rick Daleen, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Paul Hauser, Dean Krogmeier, and Ellen Parker.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Mark Cook moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2022 as read. Bob Beckman seconded. Motion passed.
- Secretary Parker reported that we currently have 32 members on the Optimist Roster. Still waiting to hear back on whether Joe Gegg and Barb Hall will retain their membership. We will still keep Jean Kent on the distribution roster.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Main September expenses included the lunches to Pio's for our noon meetings and the sponsorship of Lori's Legacy (former member Lori Wooten) in the amount of \$1,000 to the Care to Learn Gala.
- Main September income were from the Festival of the Little Hills Beer Garden fundraiser, lunches, and pig money.
- As of September 30, 2022, the general checking account had a balance of \$8,820.54. The savings account had a balance of \$5,574.92. The CDs total \$30,579.89. General Accounts total was \$48,024.44. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$180,798.88. The dues account showed a balance of \$3,049.09.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Celebrate Community:** Bob Beckman reported on the following:
  - **Mobile Markets:** First one will be on Thursday, November 17th at the Harvester Lions Club from 2-5 pm. Three volunteers per club. Other Mobile Markets will take place at this location on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. Looking to set up a second operation in the north part of St. Charles County, targeting a January or February 2023 start. Optimist club volunteers to date are Roger Deppe, Ken Mullen, Mark Cook, Dean Krogmeier, Mike Ebert, Ellen Parker, Elena Cook, and Bob Beckman.
  - **Faith Haven House for Men (Droste Road run by Element Church):** Discussed having service clubs provide volunteers to help out in the facility, donate clothes and supplies, and make financial donations. Also discussed each service club donating ~\$250 for one month per year to help cover utilities, etc.
  - **Blueways Cleanup:** Scheduling first cleanup event on a weekend afternoon in December, looking to do three cleanups per year. Looking for volunteers to work both in the water (kayaks and john boats) and on creek banks. Bob will be soliciting volunteers from our club, and possibly the JOI club to participate.
  - **Helping Seniors:** The group wants to do something to help lift spirits and provide needs to seniors. Could be for those in nursing or assisted living facilities or living at home. Possibilities discussed include adopt a senior, hold events at a facility, invite seniors to attend club meetings, donate food, cookies, puzzles, games, etc.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

- Club Letter supporting Grant Money from the State: Ellen Parker moved to approve the grant letter from our club to be used by the Celebrate Community Collaborative for support of a state grant to help address the problem with homelessness in the area.
- Rick Daleen brought up an idea of getting help from the court systems for people who have to complete community service hours.
- **Spaghetti Dinner**: Dale Westby has volunteered to be the new chairman of the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. This year's event will be held April 14, 2023 at Memorial Hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- EMO 1st Quarter Conference will be held October 28-29 at Courtyard by Marriott Columbia. If any member is interested in attending, the club will pay the registration fee. The EMO district is requesting silent auction items for the conference. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the following funds: Children Fitness and Health, OI Foundation, and Children's Cancer.
- EMO representative for the OI Foundation is also requesting individual members to donate to the following programs: Dime-A-Day, President's Club, and Christian Larson Club. You can learn about these programs and how to donate on the OI website.  
**Foundation Forms on OI Website at: <https://www.oifoundation.org/foundation-forms.html>**
- Care to Learn Gala: We received 6 tickets to the gala on October 22. Bob & Jan Beckman, Steve & Linda Harker, Gerry Prinster, and Sharon North will represent our club at the event.
- Helping Hands Event will be held on December 14, 2022 from 4-7 pm at the St. Charles Convention Center, an event organized to help those in need. Elena Cook volunteered to chair a committee to plan our club's participation at this event. Bob Beckman and Rick Daleen volunteered to be on the committee. Contact Elena Cook if you are interested in helping.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Membership: Dale Westby has volunteered to chair a committee to find ways to increase our membership. Discussion was tabled until a future meeting that Dale can attend.
- 2022-23 Budget: Roger Deppe moved to allow Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer to continue making necessary payments based on last year's budget until the budget for 2022-23 is approved. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- 2022-23 Budget: Roger Deppe moved to table discussion of the 2022-23 proposed budget until a special meeting is held. That meeting will be held after the regular noon meeting on Oct. 25, provided a quorum of 7 board members are present. Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- By-Laws Review: Roger Deppe moved to keep the by-law requirements for senior scholarships as is. Mike Ebert seconded. Motion passed.
- By-Laws Review: Mark Cook moved to approve the by-laws as presented. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.
- Pig Fund Recipient for 2022-23: Mark Cook moved to use the 2022-23 pig money to help fund our club's involvement in the Celebrate Community Collaborative. Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Benevolent Gift Amount: Mark Cook moved to keep the benevolent gift amount at \$65 per person. Roger Deppe seconded. Motion passed.
- President's Credit Card Transfer: Action was tabled until Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer and President Gerry Prinster are in attendance.
- SCSD Foundation Donation Request: Mark Cook moved to donate \$300 to the St. Charles School District Foundation. Elena Cook seconded. Motion passed.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Deadline for next newsletter is October 27, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Rick Daleen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Parker, Secretary



**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
October 25, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Roger Deppe moved to put Dave Borgmeyer's contact information on the form as the OI Foundation Club Campaign Contact Information form. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer Dave Borgmeyer reported that this year's JOI dues have been paid in the amount of \$210 (for 15 members). The dues are part of the yearly budget.
- The 2022-23 budget was discussed. Dave Borgmeyer reported a few changes that he made on the original proposed budget mainly dealing with the number of weekly lunches. Bob Beckman reported that the installation banquet expenses had increased over last year. Since our membership has decreased, Elena Cook recommended changing the budgeted OI money from \$600 to \$400 and the club's Childhood Cancer donation from \$600 to \$200. Ellen Parker moved to accept the 2022-23 budget as amended. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed. The board will address the problem of losing money on weekly lunches when attendance is low at a future board meeting.
- Roger Deppe moved to adjourn. Rick Daleen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:40.

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

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## CLUB INFORMATION and SOCIAL MEDIA

**Mailing Address:** Optimist Club of St. Charles  
P.O. Box 234  
St. Charles, Missouri 63302

**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.