

October 2023

OPTIMIST NEWSLETTER



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“Support Your Local President”

Perhaps you remember watching James Garner star in the 1969 Western called “Support Your Local Sheriff.” Garner plays an astute stranger who comes to a town where gold was recently discovered and cleverly tames the lawlessness that follows to make the town a better place to live.

Our Optimist Club is certainly not sitting on any undiscovered gold mines and none of our members are ne'er-do-wells who thrive on lawlessness. Regardless, our new President, Paul Hauser, definitely fits the role of sheriff with his long and proven history of being an active club member, past president, secretary and board member. Similar to the movie sheriff, Paul wants to work with club members to better our club by achieving Honor Club status while continuing to serve the youth in the community as we have done for so many years.

Now, Paul needs every member’s commitment and assistance by volunteering for club projects and finding interesting speakers. Six-shooters not required, only your ideas, presence and perseverance.

“Give it your all to support Paul!!”

SEPTEMBER RECAP:



Lieutenant Karen Felton, one of the primary points of contact at the Salvation Army St. Charles, spoke on the origin of the Salvation Army, what they do in the community, and their current needs to continue those services. Our club has consistently been generous in our donations of time and resources to the Salvation Army in St. Charles and will continue to do so.

Our 2023 year-end banquet was a night of remembrance, recognition and board member inductions. A highlight of the night was Steve Harker’s amazing video that gave us a look back at club activities along with a tribute to Rick Pundmann who passed away this year. Rick was a devoted club member who defined the meaning of optimism. Rick’s wife Marge, and close friends Terry and Linda Meyer were in attendance. Next, Dale Westby was recognized as the “Optimist of the Year” for the many things he does for the betterment of our club. Then, following the induction of the 2023-2024 Board of Directors, Gerry Prinster passed the gavel to new club President Paul Hauser who gave an insight to plans for the coming year. Thank you to Ellen Parker and Gerry Prinster for arranging the banquet and making it an enjoyable and festive evening!



OCTOBER MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- October 3** Noon Meeting
Nick Prinster—The Gift of Mobility
- October 10** Noon Meeting
Jose Jones—Boxing Therapy
- October 17** Noon and Board Meetings
Amanda Brauer—SCC Road Board
- October 24** Noon Meeting
Open
- October 31** Noon Meeting
Julie Hernandez—Crisis Nursery



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**OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CHARLES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Gerry Prinster called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Dave Borgmeyer, Mark Cook, Rick Daleen, Roger Deppe, Mike Ebert, Steve Harker, Dean Krogmeier, Ellen Parker, and Gerry Prinster.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Dean Krogmeier moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed.
- Ellen Parker reported that membership dues for 2023-24 have been coming in. Nine members are still unpaid and 1 member has dropped. New member Brianna Smith will wait to join until the new year on October 1, 2023.
- Notices were sent to new members who will be installed at the Optimistic Hour on Wednesday on Wednesday, October 20, 2023.
- Update on news from Optimist International: O.W.L.S. (Optimists Working for Learning Success). Updated Club By-Laws need to be submitted on the Optimist Leaders on-line portal. Club Pride Report due September 30, 2023. Membership drive "Let's Go Racing" update. See OI email or website for details.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Main August expenses: Pio's lunches for May, June, and July (\$2,832)); Cash—change from Mustang Ford Event (\$200). Mark Cook—Food & drink supplies for Mustang Ford Event (\$129.30); Credit Card (\$48.01); Mary Krogmeier—school supplies (\$1,764); Fred McGinley—hot water heater for trailer (\$272.02).
- Main August income: Lunches (\$468); Tip money from St. Charles Fair (\$36.50); Pig money (\$24); Replace change for Ford event (\$200); Mustang Ford event sales (\$936); Tip jar from Mustang Ford event (\$47); Elena Cook—reimburse for EMO district gala (\$60); Pig Money (\$30).
- As of August 31, 2023, the general checking account had a balance of \$5,041.42.25. The savings account had a balance of \$4,577.47. The CDs total was \$30,600.63. General Accounts total was \$35,178.10. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$184,379.16. The dues account showed a balance of \$2,176.90.
- Roger Deppe moved to file the report with the auditor. Mike Ebert seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- The Board would like to thank Gerry Prinster for his year of service as President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Installation Banquet Update: As of September 24, 2023, 23 members and guests will be attending. A final head count is needed by Tuesday, September 26.
- EMO 4th Quarter Conference Report: Tabled until Elena Cook returns.
- Research of Fundraising and Advertising Websites: Ellen Parker reported on her research and stated that these Website programs would be too costly for our needs. No action taken .

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **EMO 4th Quarter Conference Report:** Tabled until Elena Cook returns.
- **Research of Fundraising and Advertising Websites:** Ellen Parker reported on her research and stated that these Website programs would be too costly for our needs. No action taken.
- **Fundraising Effort and Success vs. Spending:** Discussion centered around the possible need for increasing the budgeted amount for Back to School Donations and how much we are earning through fundraising vs. what we are spending. It was stated that this topic would be better addressed when Chairperson Mary Krogmeier was present to provide input. Steve Harker moved to table the discussion until next month when Mary could attend and the new board of directors takes over. Dean Krogmeier seconded. Motion passed .

NEW BUSINESS:

- **President's Plaque:** Roger Deppe volunteered to have the president's plaque updated at a cost of up to \$25.
- **1st Quarter EMO Conference** will be held October 13-14 in Columbia, MO.
- **The Board of Directors** would like to thank outgoing board members for their service: Bob Beckman, Roger Deppe, Dean Krogmeier, and Elena Cook (will remain on the board as President-Elect) .

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Ten thank you notes** were received from the Orchard Farm and St. Charles School Districts for the back to school donations provided by our club.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Mike Ebert** moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Cook seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 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

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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.