

## THE GREATER JACKSONVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB, INC.

### 2009-2010 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Chair of the Board -Carol Dunstan

Secretary – Michael Borowitz

President – Barbara Crain

Treasurer – Pam McCollum

Internal Vice Pres. –

External Vice Pres. – Carol Porcher

Directors – Carol Applegate, Adam Drescher, Fred Figlewski, Dennis Lane, Dave Ward

### Board Meeting--Future Home Wednesday, November 4, 2009

#### Minutes

Present: Dave Ward, Fred Figlewski, Barbara Crain, Carol Dunstan, Pam McCollum, Adam Drescher, Mike Borowitz. Guest, Lieutenant Governor Mark Harris

#### Call To Order—Dave Ward, Acting Chairman of the Board

1. Welcome
2. Mission Statement: "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids."
3. Approval of Agenda: Mark Harris added the annual club planning conference. Upcoming events also added as an agenda item.

#### Secretary's Report—Michael Borowitz

1. Minutes of the October 6 Meeting Motion to approve made by Fred and seconded by Adam
2. Correspondence-All Board Members Barb presented a letter from the OI foundation acknowledging our gifts. Dave received an email asking about sponsorship in a 5K race to be held at St James for the benefit of the children's playground. Another email came regarding a potential speaker from an organization working with children with cancer at Jacksonville Elementary. We will follow up and try to schedule a meeting in January.

#### Treasurer's Report—Pam McCollum

1. Monthly Financial Reports for October Pam presented final numbers from the fiscal year ending Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, noting a negative variance of \$4300 for the year. Financial statement was approved with motion by Barb and second by Adam. Pam also submitted a proposed budget that has a projected loss of \$2600. The budget was approved unanimously with a motion by Adam and second by Fred.
2. Dues Update –Income is starting to trickle in.
3. Other October statements are in but show little activity to date. Statement approved with motion by Adam and second by Barbara.

Pam asked if our opinion about consolidating our checking account into PNC. Prior decision to have multiple accounts was based on the idea of supporting different banks in the community, but as banks are all national now this was felt to be less important. Motion made by Dave and seconded by Carol to approve this transfer.

Annual Club Planning Conference-Mark Harris. In order to compile data needed for his Annual Club Planning Conference report Mark asked to clarify some of our activities and names of individuals doing various functions, types of activities we participated in, fundraisers and other miscellaneous information.

#### Unfinished Business

1. Contract with Fireworks Productions Barb announced that we have a new contract that has a provision that allows us to recover our deposit if the fireworks have to be cancelled due to site regulations. We are awaiting getting their certificate of insurance (December 1) before we can submit the application to the school

#### Internal Club Activities--Internal Vice President --

##### A. Membership Director

1. Membership Review
  - a. October 2009 –Current count is 48; Fran Betty has withdrawn and will be dropped in December as her first quarter dues have already been paid.
  - b. Do we have any member prospects? Discussion about Kristin Mason who is still interested but who has had conflicts with our existing activities. Gail Calleri still volunteers but is not interested in joining. Helen Doyle may also still be interested but has not been able to get to a meeting yet.

##### B. Finance Director--

1. Collection of Ink Cartridges – Barbara Crain Ongoing. Turned in 14 this month. Still interested in collecting these.
2. Aluminum Cans collection – Dennis Lane Ongoing

### C. Programs & Fellowship Director--

#### 1. Meeting Schedule and Outreach Events

- a. **Wednesday, November 18 – Youth Appreciation Day** Approximately 10 awardees have been identified. St John's is now reserved and will provide dinner. Price is \$13.00. Menu suggestions discussed. Doors open 6:15; dinner at 7:00. We will set up a welcome table making sure people who are supposed to pay do so.
- b. **Thursday, November 19 – dinner at Children's House** Riggers are planning to do this (Parenthetically, Towson is there tonight with Dennis)
- c. **Wednesday, December 2** - board meeting at Future Home
- d. **Saturday, December 12 – Shop With A Cop – 7:00 a.m. – kids to come at 7:30 a.m.** Note that it is early because kids have to be finished at Outback by 10:30. We have asked for another table to help wrap gifts and Optimists will help.
- e. Villa Maria will be wrapping gifts at Barnes and Noble as a fundraiser and may ask for volunteers. We can explore with Carol Shear whether we are needed. Not sure what is happening with wrapping at the school.
- f. Villa Maria also will provide us with families for gifts. We decided that we can support gifts for 12-15 individuals distributed among 3-4 families

#### 2. Fellowship & Social Activities

- a. Christmas gift –wrapping party at Barn Target December 13th

### D. Upcoming Events

- 1 Sunday, November 29 – Ravens / Steelers game – fundraiser?

### External Club Activities-External Vice President – Carol Porcher

#### A. Youth Activities Director- Carol Applegate

1. Villa Maria Project Update-Carol Porcher See above
2. Wrapping?

#### B. Community Services Activities Director – Dave Ward

1. Serving dinners at Children's House
2. Report on Talmar 5K
3. Childhood Cancer – Dennis Lane

#### C. Publicity Director—Dennis Lane

1. Publicity in the Community – Dennis Lane
2. E-Mail Activity Updates
3. Jacksonville Jottings
4. Club Web Site-Fred Figlewski
5. Other

#### D. Towson University Optimist Club – Dennis Lane

### Zone 9/MDSD District/OI—Barbara Crain

- A. Zone 9 –report on meeting of 10/31--Barbara described first Baltimore county juried art exhibition sponsored by Timonium Optimists and Towson Arts Collective to be held Fri Jan 22. This is an effort to recognize artistic expression of youth the way we already do for speaking and writing. Following the Zone meeting there was a Poker Run meeting held. Discussion was held regarding strategies to improve performance. This will be the last year we try this unless we are more successful.
- B. First District Meeting, Hagerstown - November 13-14
- C. 92<sup>nd</sup> Optimist International Convention in Denver, July 8-10, 2010 Dennis has suggested that it would be good for some people to see this convention before we have to host one in 2011
- D. Upcoming convention in Baltimore in 2011.

### New Business

### President's Comments--Barbara Crain

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##### PROMISE YOURSELF

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

### Adjournment