

THE GREATER JACKSONVILLE OPTIMISTS
2009-2010 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Chair of the Board -Carol Dunstan
President – Barbara Crain
Internal Vice Pres. –
External Vice Pres. – Carol Porcher

Secretary – Michael Borowitz
Treasurer – Pam McCollum
Sergeant at Arms-

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

Board Meeting- Future Home
Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Minutes

Call To Order—Carol Dunstan, Chairman of the Board 7:25

1. Welcome Present Carol, Barb, Fred F, Adam, Dennis. Pam, Mike
2. Mission Statement: "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids."
3. Approval of Agenda Motion by Fred second by Barb

Secretary's Report—Michael Borowitz

1. Minutes of the February 3 Meeting Adam moved approval, second Barb, approved
2. Correspondence-All Board Members Carol-Johns Hopkins sent email asking for volunteers to cover the "Port to Fort" race to benefit Children's House. Carol did not recall details and will forward to everyone as it is not clear what kind of volunteering required; Dave received folder about "Lawyer Band" (The Objections) interested in 4th of July. Will discuss and decide at kickoff mtg on 18th and let band know it will be decided then. Barb got something from OI regarding a grant program for up to \$500 for new events. Barb also got something from Catholic Charities about changes in Villa Maria—phasing out residential area at Villa to merge with St. Vincent's—largely due to cutbacks. Still will be opportunities for support, and Carol Shearer added a handwritten note to Dennis's letter indicating that they will continue to need us.
3. Other

Treasurer's Report—Pam McCollum

1. Monthly Financial Report for February-Handed out Feb activity. Collected various outstanding balances. Cash at end of Feb \$14,700 including reissued check for Fireworks productions. Original still has not surfaced. Need to get SMC funds received to understand figures
2. Dues Update Received dues from Larry Daniels (x 2 years), John Littleton and Dick Frye. 4 outstanding including Chad, Kevin, Glen Thomas and Sue Goetz. Dave will follow up with Chad. Will ask MaryLu to call Sue Goetz. Barb will call Glen. Will carry Kevin for a while.
3. Other

Internal Club Activities--Internal Vice President

A. Membership Director—

1. Membership Review
 - a. February 2010 – 49 No change
 - b. Do we have any member prospects? Will try to be more obvious recruiters of parents during Chinese student farewell

B. Finance Director--

1. Collection of Ink Cartridges – Barbara Crain Ongoing Dennis got another check for \$24.
2. Aluminum Cans collection – Dennis Lane stacking up in Dennis's garage. Not sure if Jim H is still matching.
3. Stock Market challenge – Dennis Lane Dennis got lots of last minute entries for a total of 315 entries, up from 264 last year. Net of prizes will be \$4215, plus postage and supplies, so we should clear over \$3200-3500. 64 new players this year. Apple number one stock, followed by Walmart. Portfolios will be printed in a few days.

C. Programs & Fellowship Director--

1. Meeting Schedule and Outreach Events
 - a. Thursday, March 18 – Independence Day Kick-Off Pizza at 6:30. Barb will remind Carol P.

- b. Wednesday, April 7 – Board meeting, 7:30
- c. Wednesday April 21 – dinner meeting, reschedule speakers from Cool Kids, school board, count? Induction of Gail Calleri **Carol will follow up with Dave about Cool Kids**
- 2. Fellowship & Social Activities-**Small group went to Valentine's Day the movie followed by Damon's. Dinner was so slow manager comped our dinner.**
- D. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Saturday, March 20 - Math Counts State Contest at Hopkins 8:00; specific location to follow. Mike will contact Joel.
 - 2. Thursday, March 25 – GJOC Oratorical contest at St. James 6:30; Dennis working on judges/timekeepers.
 - 3. Fri-Sat March 26-27- Relay for Life at Towson
 - 4. Thursday, April 15 – Zone 9 Oratorical – Crowne Plaza in Timonium
- External Club Activities-External Vice President – Carol Porcher
- A. Youth Activities Director- Carol Applegate
 - 1. Villa Maria Project Update-Carol Porcher **No update**
 - 2. Follow-up on Bingo at Villa Maria **Went well; many Towson volunteers, 60 kids.**
 - 2. Essay contest – essays received – Dennis Lane **Our contest winners (#1-3) have been identified and forwarded to zone. We need to get gift cards and figure out how to present them. Could do the April meeting and invite winners to read their essays.**
 - 3. Oratorical contest – Dennis Lane **Plenty of kids to distribute among clubs. Coordination among Our Lady of Grace, St. James and others a bit complicated. Will ask Gail C to coordinate refreshments and consult with Carol Porcher about what happened last year.**
 - 4. Chinese exchange students – Fred Figlewski **Kickoff meetings last Wednesday. Representatives from schools including Kelly Smith from Dulaney who is overall coordinator. 29 students!!! Date of farewell party is April 11; location TBD. Next planning meeting is tomorrow at Dulaney HS. Baseball game is set as an activity but date not set. Other possibilities for activities discussed, as well possibility of involving TU club and assessing their level of interest, possibly to coordinate with the TU international club. Responsibility (financial and otherwise) are being spread among all clubs and all schools.**
- B. Community Services Activities Director – Dave Ward
 - 1. Serving dinners at Children's House **No update**
 - 2. Childhood Cancer – Dennis Lane
 - 3. Independence Day Celebration – Barbara Crain **Everything is going along apace**
- C. Publicity Director—Dennis Lane
 - 1. Publicity in the Community – Dennis Lane **Newsletter out in February. Will be ready for another one before oratorical.**
 - 2. E-Mail Activity Updates
 - 3. Jacksonville Jottings
 - 4. Club Web Site-Fred Figlewski **Needs content; will update with Chinese student activities.**
 - 5. Other
- D. Towson University Optimist Club – Dennis Lane **Meeting last Wed night (delayed by snow) and seem to have lost meeting room to a class. Looking for one and may have to change meeting time. Relay for Life (night run) now linked on our website; they have raised \$260 so far. Also have a Hopkins family dinner that night, and another night scheduled. Last meeting will be May 12th. OI membership promotion does not apply to them because it is based on generating new dues.**

Zone 9/MDS District/OI—Barbara Crain

- A. MDS District – visit by OI President Mark Shriver - dinner March 20, 2010 **Dinner at Martin's West. @\$40. March 6th is deadline, but some confusion as to where money should be sent. .**
- B. 92nd Optimist International Convention in Denver, July 8-10, 2010

New Business **None**

Creed **8:40!!!!**.

Adjournment