

**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**

Directors –Carol Applegate, Adam Drescher, **Fred Figlewski, Dennis Lane, David Ward,**  
**Also present Gail Calleri, Ann Lane, Kevin Alban**

Secretary – **Michael Borowitz**

Treasurer – Pam McCollum

Sergeant at Arms-

**Board Meeting- Future Home**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

**Agenda**

**Call To Order—Carol Dunstan, Chairman of the Board **Barbara Crain as Carol not present****

1. Welcome
2. Mission Statement: “By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.”
3. Approval of Agenda

**Secretary’s Report—Michael Borowitz**

1. Minutes of the March 3 Meeting Moved by Fred, seconded by
2. Correspondence-All Board Members **Barbara reported on essay contests winners. Also reported on a 50/50 raffle as fundraiser for Baltimore International meeting. Dennis presented a note received from Stephanie Jo Rand at Lovely Manor Garden center in 4 Corners volunteering to come speak to GJOC about gardening.**
3. Other

**Treasurer’s Report—Pam McCollum**

1. Monthly Financial Report for March
2. Dues Update **Chad is now paid; others still pending contact with Pam**
3. Other

**Unfinished Business**

**A.. Math Counts -Michael Borowitz **Was successful. Good representation by the optimists****

**B. Dinner for OI President Mark Shriver – Barbara Crain **One table of GJOC optimists. Mike related the highlight of Jim Hubbard’s spam sandwich****

**Internal Club Activities--Internal Vice President**

**A. Membership Director—**

1. Membership Review
  - a. January 2010 – 49
  - b. Do we have any member prospects?

**B. Finance Director--**

1. Collection of Ink Cartridges – Barbara Crain **Took in 20 at end of March and 6 (+4 from Dennis) in last week. Staples now recognizes us as good customers.**
2. Aluminum Cans collection – Dennis Lane **We are currently getting 75 cents/lb which is an excellent price, and Jim is still matching donations. Money still being set aside for Hopkins**
3. Stock Market challenge – Dennis Lane **Midpoint checks have been processed and ready to go to winners. Net earnings projected at over \$3500, though some expenses are estimated. However, expenses have been offset by about \$300 of Staples coupons.**

**C. Programs & Fellowship Director—**

1. Meeting Schedule and Outreach Events

- a. Wednesday, April 21 – dinner meeting, essay contest winners, speaker from Cool Kids, school board, county?; induction of Gail Calleri; elections Gail will have to check if she can come that day. Will try to have essay contest winners come to the meeting to read essays and will present gift cards and certificates. Dennis will invite the candidates. Dennis moved that we reduce prizes to \$75;50;25. Carol seconded and passed unanimously. Other proposed items discussed. Barb will check with Dave and Carol about status of the barn. Discussion of elections and possible candidates. Kevin offered to run for president if no other candidates surfaced.
  - b. Wednesday, May 5 - board meeting
  - c. Wednesday, May 19 – dinner meeting, Respect for Law Larry Daniels should be contacted with suggestions for speakers. Other discussion about a variety of ideas.
2. Fellowship & Social Activities
3. Upcoming Events
- a. Sunday, April 11 – Farewell party for Chinese exchange students Fred reported on recent planning meeting. We now estimate about 200 people: 29 students plus hosts, plus families and teachers. Change in original plan—we are now in the auxiliary cafeteria, which will require a bit of rearrangement as it is a bit smaller, but has access to outdoors and the gym. Help needed for setup 12-2; event 2-6 and cleanup following. Charcoal Deli will do Pit Beef but we will do hotdogs—Madeline in charge. Other clubs or schools doing sides, condiments, rolls, desserts, drinks, decorations. Fred and Kelly have everything arranged, save for a couple of small details. Kelly has arranged some entertainment. Orioles game is scheduled for Tuesday. Tickets are with Dave for distribution. Final budget not set; we are paying Charcoal Deli \$3.50/sandwich.
  - b. Thursday, April 15 – Zone 9 Oratorical – Crowne Plaza in Timonium, reservations due now Dennis distributed a sheet with cost breakdown for dinners, judges dinner, prizes, etc, plus cost to zone to send winners to District Contest in Ocean City April 30-May-1-2. Bottom line for our club is \$230.00. 5 boys and 5 girls are competing for one spot at district. Towson's contest is next Tuesday night.
  - c. Tuesday April 27 Next meeting 7:00-8:00 no dinner, in barn – Independence Day meeting. Update from Carol Porcher: McDonald's is arranged. Carroll Manor Rec council Dance program will perform during band break. Kevin is trying to arrange space at ShopRite for time when we can't get to Safeway (June 5<sup>th</sup>). Gail is arranging the schedule. Mike will send her the spreadsheet. Carol is also responding to county as to day that we are having fireworks to make sure we have coverage. We have already applied for fireworks and gathering permits. Dennis reported on stage situation: We now have to pay for stage, though Dennis arranged a decrease in price to \$515 from \$665. However, we may be able to appeal the decision, especially if we can tie our activity to the rec council. Rec council meeting is tomorrow at the senior center. Dennis will call.

Also for discussion is fundraising. Dennis sent request to Manor Center merchants for donation. Also proposed an idea for a simple program that we would give to people who purchase raffle tickets—those who donate could have business cards scanned and appear as an ad in the program. Fred C and Dennis need to compile a list of prospective businesses to target with this opportunity

- d. Saturday, April 17 – Daffodil Day at TALMAR Need volunteers to help sell flowers. Also need to encourage people to come. Refer to Talmar website for details or contact Dave Ward

External Club Activities-External Vice President – Carol Porcher

A. Youth Activities Director- Carol Applegate

1. Villa Maria Project Update-Carol Porcher No current update. Carol will go next week and see what is happening with merger with St Vincents.
2. Oratorical contest – Dennis Lane see above
3. Chinese exchange students – Fred Figlewski see above

B. Community Services Activities Director – Dave Ward

1. Serving dinners at Children’s House Towson club involved, we are not
2. Childhood Cancer – Dennis Lane See above
3. Independence Day Celebration – Barbara Crain See above
4. TALMAR Daffodil Day – Dave Ward See above

C. Publicity Director—Dennis Lane

1. Publicity in the Community – Dennis Lane MD Arrive magazine asked us for info regarding our fireworks and will consider putting it in the publication
2. E-Mail Activity Updates
3. Jacksonville Jottings
4. Club Web Site-Fred Figlewski Need content
5. Other

D. Towson University Optimist Club – Dennis Lane Meeting cancelled today because of water main break. Towson Relay was a success, raised 55K campus wide for ACS. Need new officers for next year.

Zone 9/MDSD District/OI—Barbara Crain Still waiting to hear from Mark Harris where and when Zone 9 meeting will be

- A. Third Quarter MDSD District Board Meeting/Conference & District Oratorical Finals, Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD, April 30-May 2, 2010 deadline has past
- B. 92<sup>nd</sup> Optimist International Convention in Denver, July 8-10, 2010

New Business Dennis: Dulaney sent request for \$50 donation for Grad Gala. We will discuss again next month. Carol P.: Phil Mearig has invited optimists to visit his restored car museum. Would be a great social activity for sometime in the Spring or Fall. There is space outside for us to make this a picnic event. Will follow up

President’s Comments--Barbara Crain

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Adjournment

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Serving the Greater Jacksonville Community Since September 19, 1984  
Working “Together Everyone Achieves More” in “Bringing out the Best in Kids”