

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

Currently Meeting 7:00 AM Fridays at Country Kitchen. Hwy 151. Platteville. WI

Vision Statement: *"To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"*



2019 – 2020 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers: Dan Engelke, President – Tom Nall, Vice President – Tim Boldt, Second Vice President – Wayne Wodarz, Past President – Duane Borgen, Treasurer – Becky Schambow, Secretary

Board of Directors: Chris Budden, Steve Lane, Tim Murphy, Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, and Linda Thomas

Platteville Optimist – Business Meeting Friday, March 6, 2020

Attendance: 24 members: Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Robert Stephens, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz and Tim Wood.

Guests to Welcome: None

Mystery Greeter: Ron Weier greeted Leon Neuheisel. The Board suggested we greet each other with an alternative to a handshake (i.e. elbow greeting, etc) because of the coronavirus and flu.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: *None noted for this upcoming week.*

Membership Anniversaries this month:

- Tom Jonas, Charter Member in 1972
- Duane Borgen – 1980
- Phil Swift - 1981
- Hap Daus – 1988
- Dean Feldman - 1992
- Howard Crofoot and George Byykkonen in 1997
- William VanDeest - 2001
- Doug Martin – 2005
- Ronald Weier - 2009
- Fern Nall - 2011
- Kevin Haertzen – 2013
- Guy Stead - 2016

Breakfast Drawing: Free breakfast for Maxine Lane and Leon Neuheisel who were present and Diane Paynter and Jen Schweigert who were not present.

Joker Draw: Doug Martin drew the 9 of spades, letting the pot grow for next week.

Thank you Notes/Announcements: We received a Thank you from Big Buddy Program for our donation. Reminder of Miners Ball on April 18. If anyone wants to join in on a table, contact Ron Weier. Cost is \$50/person. The Platteville Thrift Shop is in need of donations. Check their website for list of items they need.

BUSINESS MEETING

Finance/Administrative:

- **Treasurer's Report Period Ending February 29, 2020:** Duane Borgen presented the financial report for period ending 2-29-2020. The Internal Account balance was \$5,900.15, and the Youth Account balance was \$16,152.97. Board made a motion to approve report, seconded by Maxine Lane. Motion carried.
- **Committee Update Highlights:**
 - **Finance Committee** – Duane will be sending out dues notices to those whose dues are due in April
 - **Youth –**
 - **Essay Contest – Winners:**
 - Noah Wood from Cuba City – representing Platteville Optimist Club
 - Aksel Schuldes from Platteville Middle School representing UW-Platteville Optimist Club
 - Runners-up were: Nicholas Rohou, Eva Holingsworth, Penny Black, and Lilly Otto (*all from PMS*).
 - **Essay Awards:** \$300 budgeted for this contest. Board made a motion to award winners (*Noah Wood and Aksel Schuldes*) \$150 each. (*Note – PV Optimists covering \$150 for UWP winner*), Seconded by Hap Daus. Motion carried.
 - **Oratorical Contest - Winners:**
 - Treyton Furrer, UW-Platteville Optimist Club winner
 - Nicholas Connolly, Platteville Optimist Club winner.
 - Runners-up were: Leah Mergen and Benedict Drefcinski
 - **Oratorical Awards:** \$400 budgeted for this contest. Board made a motion to award \$150 to each winner with the remaining \$100 to be retained to assist in offsetting costs should one of the winners qualify for the SWIS District contest. Seconded by Eileen Engelke, Motion carried. Maxine mentioned the Zone contest is April 4 and they need non-Optimist judges.
 - **Tri-Star Basketball – March 28th:**
 - Set-up will occur at UW-Platteville at 11 a.m. Registration beginning at 11:30 and competition at Noon. Volunteer sheet will be circulated next week. Press releases going out. Schools have the information. Maxine had an inquiry about it from our Facebook which she responded to.

- **Hockey Event , Fighting Saints in Dubuque, IA – April 5th:** Students / chaperones will load on bus at 2:00 p.m. Game begins at 3:05 p.m. Will Circulate a sign-up sheet for volunteer chaperones next week
- **New Youth Event Challenge from SWIS District: Youth Citizens Academy**
 - Training provided by our local police, fire, and EMS services in an effort to give youth a better understanding / respect for service workers in these agencies. Hap Daus mentioned maybe including the Salvation Army of which Karen Canny is contact.
 - T. Boldt and B. Schambow volunteered to work on plans for this event, which would not take place until later this spring or summer. Discussed ages to include. Ask Jim Boebel what he thinks. Need to submit event to Governor Christine by July 31.

○ **Community Service – Nothing to report**

○ **Fellowship –**

- **March Speakers** - Thank you to Maxine Lane for recruiting.
 - March 13 – Melissa Palfrey – Family Advocates;
 - March 20 – Jim Schweigert – **Members will travel to Gro Alliance in Cuba City car pool will leave Country Kitchen at 6:45;**
 - March 27 – Jenna Phillips – Platteville Farmers Market
 - Linda Thomas is working with coordinators for possible options to get the essay/oratorical winners in to speak by school year-end. Also if membership have suggestions for speakers they can contact the Speaker Coordinators, with corresponding months, which can be found on our website (*Plattevilleoptimists.org*)

○ **Membership:**

- **Membership Change:** “Memories Tour & Travel” has chosen to discontinue their FOO membership
- **NOW Event – April 18th at First English Lutheran Church:**
 - Members were asked to submit names / contact information for people they would like to see invited to learn more about our Club. A sheet was handed out to all present for guidance on this matter.
- **New Member:**
 - Motion from Board to accept the application of John Zuehle as a new member, seconded by Charlie Clark. Motion carried.

○ **Publicity / Newsletter & Website – Nothing to report**

○ **Cheese Curd:** Meeting scheduled for next week with Bloomington people regarding cheese curd sales at Blakes County Fair

• **Old Business:**

- **Insurance Coverage – Medical for Volunteers:** Motion from Board to purchase short term medical coverage insurance policy to cover any possible member/volunteer

injuries that should occur during cheese curd sales at estimated cost of \$293.75 with no deductible. Seconded by Gary Engelke, motion carried.

- **New Business:**

- **SWIS District – Awards Received at SWIS District Conference held on Feb. 22nd**

- **Honor and Distinguished Club for 2018-2019** – Club President (B. Schambow); Secretary (Maxine Lane) and Treasurer (D. Borgen) were presented with certificates and will receive watches for the Distinguished Club Achievement. Third year in a row. Patches were received for our banner. We will display this banner on first Fridays.

- Recruitment Recognition – B. Schambow received a pin for recruitment of 10 members; and Bob Hundhausen was awarded a pin for his recruitment of his 1st member to our Club.
- Dime A Day Recognition – in honor of our Club accumulating at least \$20 per member – our club's average was \$22.82 per member – patches were received for our banner.
 - Special acknowledgement was made in appreciation of Jerry Schewe for his work in soliciting Dime-A-Day donations as our Foundation Representative.

- **Appreciation to Therese Wilson:** Maxine and Eileen's mother has graciously sewn patches on our banners for a number of years. Motion by the Board to purchase a \$20 gift certificate at Mrs. Wilson's hair salon to be presented to her in a thank-you card in appreciation for her service. Seconded by Tom Nall. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- **Guidelines – Review / Update:**

- Committee members have been asked to work with their Committees to update their guidelines.
- Guidelines serve as a working tool for committee members so they understand their responsibilities.
- Guidelines can help assist newer members
- Hope that we can elicit new recruits to committees / leadership positions
 - Mentored by those more experienced.

- **Secretary Stepping Down – Effective 9-30-2020:**

- B. Schambow reported that she intends to step down from the secretarial position at the end of this fiscal year.
 - Bylaws indicate this position should be an elected position each year

- **Seeking volunteers to serve in leadership positions in upcoming fiscal year – 10-1-2020**

- If interested in serving in Secretarial position, and / or other open leadership positions in the upcoming fiscal year, let Dan or Board member know.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Thomas