

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, February 7, 2020

Attendance: There were 30 members attending including: Jim Boebel; Duane Borgen; Charlie Clark; Howard Crofoot; Hap Daus; Penny Droessler; Terri Ellis; Dan Engelke; Eileen Engelke; Gary Engelke; Mark Essex; Beth Frieders; Mark Haas; Kevin Haertzen; Bob Hundhausen; Dave Jones; Maxine Lane; Doug Martin; Fern Nall; Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Melissa Palfrey; Virgil Pufahl; Becky Schambow; Ernie Thalmann; Linda Thomas; Matt Tyc; Ron Weier; Wayne Wodarz; and Tim Wood.

Guests to Welcome: President D. Engelke called the meeting to order and welcomed Bill Wood as our guest. Bill was invited to join us to provide a brief presentation (*see below*) by Ron Weier.

Mystery Greeter: Leon Neuheisel was our Mystery Greeter, greeting Ron Weier who received a free ticket for a chance to win the Joker Draw.

Birthdays: President D. Engelke noted that Steve Lane's birthday is today, and Tim Boldt will celebrate his birthday on February 12th.

Anniversaries: There were no wedding anniversaries noted in the upcoming week.

Membership Anniversaries: President Engelke acknowledged the following membership anniversaries to this month including:

- Steve and Maxine Lane on Feb. 6, 2009;
- Dennis Helbing on Feb. 27, 2015;
- Friend of Optimists:
 - PBII – Feb. 3, 2016
 - Memories Tour & Travel – Feb. 14, 2019

Breakfast Drawing: The following names were drawn for a free breakfast this month. Present: Duane Borgen and Ernie Thalmann. Not present: Ron Holl and Guy Stead.

Joker Draw: Eileen Engelke's ticket was drawn for a chance to win the Joker Draw, however she drew the Six of Diamonds and had to settle for a \$2 prize.

Mail /Thank You Notes /Club Acknowledgements / Special Announcements:

- **Welcome Back:** President Engelke noted our pleasure to have Jim Boebel back with us after having major surgery in December.
- **Platteville Public Library Foundation Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Party:** President Engelke noted receipt of two tickets to this upcoming event were available to interested member. (*Charlie Clark was happy to accept the tickets.*)
- **Letters of Appreciation:** Thank you letters were received from: Special Olympics of Wisconsin for our \$500 donation; and Family Promise of Grant County for our \$600 donation. The letter from Family Promise also noted that Logan Noe has been hired as their new Program Director.

Presentation – Recruiting Census Takers: Bill Wood, US Census Recruiter, noted he wanted to speak to the group today as they need people to be census takers in March and April. Those hired would make \$17 per hour, be paid 58 cents per mile from their home and back, and have flexible hours. Training would be provided over a three day period. They would work for approximately 6-8 weeks in their own geographic area. Bill reported that census questionnaire forms are sent out to all addresses by mail in March. People at those addresses who do not complete and return their forms would then be contacted by a census taker. He noted that they need 463 census takers in Grant County, and currently are approximately 131 short. He emphasized the importance of having accurate census information as the Federal funding our State receives for our schools, etc. is greatly affected by it. He also emphasized that the information gathered is completely confidential. If interested, you can apply on-line at 2020census.gov/jobs or call 855-562-2020 for more information.

BUSINESS MEETING

Treasurer's Report Period Ending 1-31-2020: Copies of the Financial Report for period ending 1-31-2020 were on tables for members' review while Duane Borgen highlighted information. The report identified an internal balance of \$5700.74, and a youth account balance of \$17,750.63. Duane answered question regarding the "Member Dues" balance, noting that balance includes dues expected to be paid in April. He also noted that money collected from Silent Auction the night of the Holiday Party was included in the amount noted as income for the "Holiday Party Meal". Upon no further questions, President Engelke asked for a motion from the membership to approve the report as printed. A motion was made by Kevin Haertzen, and seconded by Charlie Clark. Motion carried.

Committee Update Highlights:

Finance Committee –

- **Ball Card / Memorabilia Fundraiser:** President Engelke reported that the Silent Auction yielded \$1145 with an additional \$50 donation. A letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board and Members has been sent to Arnie Roper for his generous donation of cards and memorabilia. President Engelke advised that a motion has been made by the Board to donate \$1000 to the Platteville Music Boosters as per their request. Donation to be made from Ball Card fundraiser and the \$50 donation. This donation is to be put towards purchase of pianos at Platteville Schools. This motion received a second by Maxine and carried unanimously.
- **Unclaimed Scholarship:** Noting that one of our scholarship recipients has decided not to remain in college, President Engelke reported that the Board has made a motion to add the allotted \$1000

to next year's scholarship fund, allowing us to award three \$1000 scholarships rather than two. Seconded by Hap Daus, motion carried.

- **Donation:** President Engelke reported that Dan Rohrbach, CEO at Southwest Health, made personal donation to our Club in the amount of \$100. A letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board and membership has been sent to Dan.

Youth Committee –

- **Essay Contest:** It was reported that the essays are in process of being reviewed by the judges. Winning essays will be submitted to OI on / about Feb. 20th.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Judges are being lined up for the contest which will take place on Feb. 27th. Topic is "Just Imagine a World With-out Boundaries".
- **Tri-Star Basketball:** President Engelke noted the event will be at UW Platteville on Saturday, March 28th.
- **Hockey Event:** Wayne Wodarz noted that he's reserved fifty tickets for the JOI Hockey Event that will be held on April 5th. Arrangements have been made for a bus through Warco Transportation.
- **New Youth Event Challenge:** President Engelke noted that we've received a challenge from the SWIS District Governor (*and co-conspirators*) who will give \$500 to a club in the district that comes up with the best new project for children. If members have ideas, they should relay these to Wayne Wodarz or Tim Boldt. Maxine Lane endorsed an idea that Becky Schambow had suggested in prior months involving the possibility of having a "Student Citizens Academy Class", similar to one offered periodically to adults. Becky explained that she'd contacted the Chiefs of the Fire, EMS, and Police Departments who all expressed interest in helping facilitate this program. The purpose would be to open this up to students (*age to be determined*) to provide sessions (*probably 3 evenings*) to gain a better understanding of our communities emergency services. This may be considered in the spring/summer.

Community Service Community Fair –

- **Community Fair:** Appreciation was extended to those who manned our table at this event on Jan. 25th. Charlie noted low attendance at this event, but he felt that our appearance there was valuable.

Fellowship Committee –

- **February Speakers:** Recruited by Diane Paynter and Eileen McCartney, speakers and upcoming topics include:
 - February 14: Eileen McCartney will provide Junior Optimist Club Update and Mary Sieckman will talk about our Club's website.
 - February 21: Linda Hahn & Kris Wolf - Grant County Cancer Coalition
 - February 28: Kelli Miller - Platteville Library
- **Holiday Party:** Appreciation was given to the Fellowship Committee for planning a great Holiday Party.

Membership Committee -

- **New Member Booklets:** After discussion of printing options, President Engelke reported a motion has been made by the Board to have Morrissey Printing print 40 booklets at an estimated cost of \$3.75 (\$150). After brief discussion, motion was seconded by Doug Martin. Motion carried.

- **New Member(s):** President Engelke noted the Board has made a motion to approve applications of Morrissey Printing and Rosemeyer-Jones Chiropractic as “Friends of Optimists”. Seconded by Eileen Engelke. Motion carried.
- **Optimist Member Business Cards:** The Board appreciated Charlie Clark’s offer to create business cards for members that would contain a guest invitation to our meetings. The Board would like members to use some cards we already have in stock at this time. Becky Schambow distributed some “Guest Cards” and cards that have our “Purpose” on one side, and our “Creed” on the other. Becky noted she felt provision of a Purpose/Creed card with a personal contact inviting friends to come to a meeting might be beneficial in recruitment of new members. Cards, as well as our brochures with membership applications can be obtained from Becky.

Publicity / Newsletter & Website Committee -

- **Rooster Call:** President Engelke noted his appreciation to those who are doing our weekly Rooster Calls.

Cheese Curd Committee -

- **Cheese Curd Order – Grant County Fair:** Committee has decided to order 1000 pounds of cheese curds and hold 50 pounds back to ensure we have curd available for sale on Sunday at fair.
- **Request to Use Cheese Curd Trailer at Bloomington:** President Engelke asked Gary Engelke to explain Committee’s request to use Club trailer and sell cheese curds at the Blakes County Fair in Bloomington on dates of July 17th – 19th. Gary and Eileen, Steve and Maxine Lane would take and man the trailer and sales. Net profits would be split 50/50 with the Fair Committee. Gary feels the funds Bloomington would gain could help in building a new Optimist Club there. Board wanted confirmation that these dates wouldn’t interfere with Platteville’s Chalk and Cheese event, but it was noted that is scheduled for June 20th. Doug Martin made a motion, seconded by Hap Daus, to approve use of trailer and sale of curds at this event. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Medical Insurance Coverage for Optimist Volunteers:** President Engelke noted that Board has been discussing possibility of obtaining an insurance policy to cover any member/volunteer medical costs should they obtain an injury while working at our events. Maxine Lane has checked with other Clubs in SWIS District, and OI, who recommended we go through Mercer Insurance to obtain a policy. Cost of yearly policy would be \$260 with \$100 deductible, or \$293.75 with no deductible. Board had wanted confirmation that Dairy Days and Grant County Fair policies would not cover our volunteers. Wayne Wodarz indicated he checked with current Chamber Director who indicated those policies would not cover our volunteers. Consensus was that Board should discuss further and make this decision.

New or Other Business: None

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Schambow, Secretary