



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

Platteville Optimist Business Meeting

Friday, July 10, 2020– 7:00 a.m.

(Meeting was conducted via ZOOM internet application due to Corona 19 Stay At Home requirements)



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

Attendance: There were 28 regular members and 1 Friend of Optimist member attending including: Jim Boebel; Tim Bolt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris Budden; Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Peggy Compton; Howard Crofoot; Hap Daus; Penny Droessler; Terri Ellis; Mark Essex; Mike Hahn; Priscilla Hahn; Ken Kamps; Maxine Lane; Steve Lane; Fern Nall; Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Eileen Nickels; Becky Schambow; Joy Schewe; Robert Stephens; Ernie Thalmann; Linda Thomas; and Ron Weier. Barb Stockhausen (*Friend of Optimist joined meeting via phone*). Guest Speaker in attendance was Adam Ruechel, Platteville's City Manager.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Nall. Roll call was taken, and then VP Nall led the group in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" and "Optimist Creed".

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION: VP Nall welcomed Adam Ruechel, Platteville's City Manager as our guest speaker who addressed the attendees prior to our Business Meeting scheduled for today.

Mr. Ruechel noted he has been in his position in Platteville for approximately six months. Prior to that time he worked in both the private and public sector. He noted he'd always had a passion for government and prior to coming to Platteville with his wife and three small children, he worked as an Assistant Administrator and Interim Administrator in the Village of Hobart, WI and then as the Village Administrator in Marshall, WI for three years. He noted he had an uncle who lived in Potosi, so was familiar with and liked this part of the State.

The primary focus of Mr. Ruechel's presentation focused on the goals for the City of Platteville in 2020 including:

- 1) **Fire Station Comprehensive Plan:** Mr. Ruechel explained that this analysis will include: a look at the scope of service; consideration relative to where it is anticipated the fire service will go; what equipment changes there may be; organizational structure; architectural and building analysis relative to whether the building could be expanded; and if there are other services that could be offered in the fire station. The analysis is to begin July 23rd.
- 2) **Grants and Loans:** City is looking at providing grants to small businesses, as well as providing loans or grants to homeowners to update homes built before 1950.
- 3) **Strategic Plan for 2021-2023:** This will include surveying residents in attempt to do long-range planning for the City. Public forums have begun with the first being on the topic of policing, and

upcoming dialogues/forums are planned on topics of parks and recreation, strategic planning and City's museums.

Mr. Ruechel also reported that current remodeling project of City Hall is complete and the administrative offices will now be open on the 2nd floor of the building. He thanked Howard Crofoot for his help with ensuring modernization of the building, while maintaining the building's historical features.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Prior to the "Business" portion of this meeting, the following information was discussed.

- **Dairy Days & Cheese Curd Sales:** VP Nall noted the Dairy Days Committee is scheduled to meet on July 28th to make a final determination relative to whether or not Dairy Days will be held this year.
- **Fund Raising:** The Board is currently reviewing/considering a suggestion for possible fundraiser involving donations. Members who have fundraising ideas are encouraged to submit them to Board.
- **Speakers for July:** Becky Schambow noted the following guest speakers will speak at upcoming virtual meetings: July 17th – Dorothea Salo, on Faculty at UW-Madison, will speak on "Ways to Protect from Account Hacks and ID Theft"; July 24th – Dr. Ajay Seth, UW Madison Epidemiologist, will speak on "Covid 19 in WI"; and July 31st – Chief Doug McKinley, Platteville Police Department, will speak about "Policing in Platteville".
- **Call Tree:** Linda Thomas questioned group whether or not the Fellowship Committee and Board volunteers should call members to touch base with them again during this pandemic and let them know about upcoming speakers. Consensus was that this was a good idea.

BUSINESS MEETING CONVENED @ approximately 7:30 a.m.

VP Nall then called the "Business" portion of the meeting into order, noting that the members needed to review and approve necessary Bylaw changes, and elect/appoint the Board Officers and Directors for the fiscal year 20/21. *(It is noted that the names of Board candidates and Bylaw changes, as recommended by the Board, were submitted via email to all members on June 25th and again on July 7th.)*

- **Approval of Bylaw Revisions – dated 7-10-20:** VP Nall asked B. Schambow to provide briefing on recommended changes to the Bylaws dated July 10, 2020. B. Schambow noted that Board had spent countless hours in an attempt to ensure our Bylaws were in compliance with those recommended in OI's "Standard Club Bylaws" as well as completing a comparison to our prior Bylaws and Club policies / procedures. She also thanked Jerry Schewe for his review of proposed Bylaws and suggestions for changes he made prior to today's meeting. As highlighted in the document sent out to membership prior to the meeting, Schambow then explained areas within the Bylaws that contained new verbiage required by OI, and Board's recommended changes in "optional areas" to ensure clarity / alignment with our current Club policies/procedures.
 - **Motion and Approval:** After hearing no questions or further discussion, VP Nall asked for a motion from the membership. Doug Martin made a motion to accept the Club's Bylaw's dated July 10, 2020 as printed. Seconded by Hap Daus, motion passed unanimously.

Election (and approval of appointments) of Board Officers and Directors for fiscal year 2020/2021 (to assume responsibilities effective 10-1-2020): VP Nall identified that the following candidates have agreed to run for / serve on the Club's Board of Directors in the upcoming fiscal year and noted that the Board is recommending their election and/or appointment as indicated.

- **Officers:**
 - President – Tom Nall
 - Vice President – Tim Boldt
 - Past President – Dan Engelke
 - Treasurer – Duane Borgen (*confirm appointment*)
 - Secretary – Alaina Reeves (*confirm appointment*)

- Directors:
 - Jordan Holthaus (*1st term*)
 - Terri Ellis (*1st term*)
 - Steve Lane (*2nd term*)
 - Doug Martin (*second year of first term*)
 - Leon Neuheisel (*second year of first term*)
 - Linda Thomas (*second year of first term*)
- Entertainment of Further Nominations from Membership: VP Nall entertained further nominations from the membership. Hearing none, VP Nall asked whether or not membership preferred to cast written ballot or vote verbally including show of hands (on Zoom). There was no request for written ballot.
 - **Motion and Election / Appointment:** Hap Daus made a motion, seconded by Charlie Clark, that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for the election and/or appointment of the Officers and Directors named above. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Nall thanked the newly elected Board members (*J. Holthaus, T. Ellis, and A. Reeves*) for their willingness to serve on the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Having no further business noted, a motion was made by Leon Neuheisel, seconded by Terri Ellis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Schambow
Secretary