



The Optimizer

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Menomonee Falls Optimist Club

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Weekly Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Jerry Mislang

Meetings are held at 7:15 am at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.

- June 7** This is the last 'student' meeting of the 2022/23 school year and it's a good one, we get to meet our Club's **Scholarship Winners!** His is a great way to end the school year.
- June 14** Our guest is **David Koier – Director of Ticket sales and Media for the Lakeshore Chinooks of the Northwest League.** David is a 2017 MFHS Graduate who has had a variety of interesting sport's related jobs while attending Western Illinois University and after graduating in 2020.
- June 21** Proving that it's better late than never, we welcome our **Distinguished Young Women** participants. This is always a good meeting and this year should be no different!
- June 28** The first part of the meeting will feature the **Falls Patio Players Summer Camp kids.** They will be followed by the **July 3 Parade Committee** going over Club assignments, changes, responsibilities, etc. to help ensure everything goes off as planned.

**** Do you have ideas for future guest speakers? Contact the speakers committee – Jerry Mislang, Jeanine Dederich, Beth Saunders, Larry Barbera. ****



Volunteers Needed

Saturday, June 17	<p>Tri-star baseball. See article below. Contact Don Eisenhauer. Email eisenhauers@youngrembrandts.com Cell: 262-409-1846</p>
Monday, June 19	<p>Scorers and marshals for Junior Golf. See article below. Contact Todd Paulus - cell #414-719-0009 or by email tpaulus@wi.rr.com</p>
Monday, July 3	<p>3rd of July Parade Volunteers needed for 3rd of July Parade. We have multiple ways you can help with this year's parade and most people will be finished by the time the parade starts. Sign-up sheets are at our weekly meetings or contact; Steve Fleming, Dan Fitzsimmons or Larry Hebbring.</p>
Saturday, August 12	<p>T-shirt booth at Falls Kids Fest in Village Park. Kids decorate their own t-shirts. Help hand out shirts and markers! Four volunteers at each shift: 11:30 – 1:30 (help with set up) 1:30 – 3:30 3:30 – 5:00 (help with clean up) Please text or email Jeanine Dederich (262.388.7731) Jeanine.dederich@gmail.com You will get confirmation on the requested time slot.</p>
3 rd Wednesday of June, July, August, September	<p>Farmers Market Set-up and breakdown. Our club has volunteered to help the Farmers Market set-up and breakdown on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, June, July, August and September. We are looking for volunteers to help the vendors from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 and 5:45 to 6:45. You can sign up for both or split it. A sign-up sheet will be at our weekly meeting or contact Terry Fitzsimmons or Larry Hebbring to help. This is a fun time and a great opportunity to help the success of the Village park.</p>



President's Message

Whew. That was quite a month. May was jam packed with all things Optimistic, and I couldn't be more proud.

Between the golf outing, park grand opening, Scholarship awards, DYW, fishing derby, Memorial Fest and opening of the popcorn wagon, you had to be hiding from it to not see our group out and about doing amazing things!

One of the perks of all of that work is attracting new members. And as long as everything stays on plan, we've approved 6 in to the club and have 5 more to approve in June! At the beginning of this year, I sat down with the officers to make some goals, and that was on the top of the list. We will hit our 15 member mark soon!

Now, with that excitement comes great responsibility. My own personal measure of success is not to get the members in to the club, but to have them sign up for a second year. Once they do that, they are hooked!

One of the things I'm doing to help accomplish that KPI is reading a book called "Retention Point" by Robert Skrob. It speaks a lot to how companies like the one I work for keep members after signing them up, but resonates a lot with our type of group. I've learned a few things that we can all do to help make sure when we recruit new members, they stay members!

1. Engage.

Make sure they feel engaged. This does not mean simply inviting them to volunteer at random events that we need a large number for. This means we invite them to be parts of committees and planning teams for the events. Find out what they want to be a part of and get them involved! This will draw them in and feel a part of something versus just an extra body.

2. Communicate.

Communication is something we do well on the broad strokes - we send out newsletters and weekly emails that includes pertinent information. However, learning what type of communication works with people, helps keep them interested. I EMAIL ALL THE TIME! I'll attribute that to ease and quantity - but with the new members, especially as we look towards the millennial and Gen Z population, may not check email every day, sometimes a text chain or WhatsApp group might be the right answer. And in complete reverse, a phone call goes a long way. So when looking at the new members, or trying to recruit your own - try and understand how they best learn information and step out of your comfort zone!

3. Listen

We have such a dynamic club with so much history, that it is so easy to do what we've always done. Understandably! I'm taking this one away for myself on several levels. Another goal the officers set was to do a survey of the club to understand what members wanted to get out of it. I'm making that a priority for June! Some members only want to work the popcorn wagon once a year - we love them! Some members are looking to network and meet new people because they are new in town - listen to those people and figure out how you can help them use

the club to get what they need! Some folks really just want to give back and will do so in anyway they can - hear them, and call them for everything!

4. Follow Through

Here is where I struggle the most! I'm an idea girl, and once it leaves my mouth - there is a good chance I'll never revisit it. I'm working on it. That's why I read so many books - because I know I have faults and the best I can do is to try and correct them. Since that is my weakness - I look to you guys! Remind me when I promise to do something and you haven't seen results. Help me, reach out to the new members that I, the membership committee and their sponsors have already reached out to, and might not think of every opportunity for them. And new members - some of this is on you! If you want to be involved with something, sometimes the chairs may forget or lose the information. Reach back out - stay persistent and get what you want out of your membership!

5. Re-engage

Another thing I'm guilty of, is not re-engaging after a strong start. I'm going to look to the membership committee, in cahoots with the marketing committee to come up a with a good plan on how we can keep those new members engaged through that first year. I know we all work better if we have notes and timelines to fill, and I think this will help us all! Let's not just list off all the cool events we do when someone joins, lets check in on them every three months to make sure they are getting all the emails, understand their part in the group, ask if they have any new questions, etc. Remember when you were new? You didn't know all of the questions you wanted to ask in the first 30 - 90 days - lets keep that in mind! And new members, don't be afraid to ask those questions, even if people aren't checking in. Work with your sponsor, or other members of the club you know - find out what you want to know!

There is so much more to learn about retaining new members, but I'm only half way through the book. Let me know if you want to borrow it! I've got some good margin notes! There just might be a part 2 to this letter in July!

Thanks for all that you do. We have another big month preparing for the Third of July Parade - please watch for emails, phone calls, in person conversations etc, that you can get involved.

President Shannon

Membership New Members

Submitted by Cathy Sharkey

Please welcome the following new members. All of them are sponsored by Shannon Dederich.

Nicole Becker
Angie Bielejeski
Megan Farrell
Craig Natzke
Michelle Pittman
Tyler Roeming

Optimist International Foundation

Submitted by Cathy Sharkey

Optimist International Foundation (OIF) was established in 1971 exclusively for the charitable, literary and educational purposes of Optimist International (OI). The Foundation has grown steadily since 1971 and is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

The Foundations supports OI by providing:

- Scholarships to all Districts for Oratorical, Essay and CCDHH
- Scholarships to Regional Winners for U.S. and International Contestants
- Fundraising from outside organizations for the World Oratorical Championship and JOI
- Childhood Health & Wellness Grant Program

OIF also offers a **Club Pass Through Grant Program** which allows individuals or organizations to make **tax deductible donations** to our club. (Donations made directly to our club are not tax deductible.) Details are available at www.oifoundation.org.

An easy way for individual members to support the foundation is through the **Dime-A-Day** program. With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of “Helping Optimists Help Kids” and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children. A donation form is included at the end of the newsletter.

Jerry Mislange and Cathy Sharkey are the club OIF representatives. Please feel free to contact them if you have questions about the Foundation.

Upcoming Events

Calendar

May 23 to Sept. 9	Popcorn wagon open every night at Village Park.
Tuesday, June 13	The Optimist After 5 group will meet June 13th at Player's Pub. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm, but beginning with a bit of social time at 5:45. The agenda includes reviewing budget and marketing plan for the 2023-24 Meat Raffle Season.
Saturday, June 17	Tri-star baseball. See article below.
Monday, June 19	SWIS District Junior Golf Outing. See article below.
Monday, July 3	Independence Day Parade

Tri-Star Baseball

Submitted by Don Eisenhauer



The 2023 Optimist Club Tri-Star Baseball Event will take place on **Saturday, June 17** at the Menomonee Falls Little League Complex (on Mill Road) from 12:00-4:00. This is a competitive event for 7–12-year-old boys and girls. The event features throwing (for speed), running the bases (for time) and hitting off of a tee (for distance). As always, we need volunteers (6-8) to help with this event. We need volunteers to shag balls, hold the radar gun, time runners and take day-of registrations. If you like baseball and kids, this is for you!

SWIS District Junior Golf Outing

*Submitted by Todd Paulus
Junior Golf Co-Chair*

The SWIS district Junior Golf Outing is set for **June 19, 2023 at Brown Deer Golf** course for \$85 per golfer. The event is open to boys and girls ages 10-18 years old. Golfer will play in age division groupings by gender. If a golfer shoots a qualifying score within their age group, they have the possibility of advancing to the International competition that will be held in July if we are granted a spot from them from Optimist International. **We will be looking for scorers to walk along with the younger age groups and marshals on the course.** The marshals are there to monitor pace of play and to make sure parents are not offering advice to their golfer. I will send around a signup sheet when we get closer to the event. **If you know of someone that may be interested in playing, have them go to the OI website and search for International Golf qualifiers to find the link to our event to register.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Todd Paulus (cell #414-719-0009 or by email tpaulus@wi.rr.com). Thanks for your help in promoting this event.



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Football Crazr Raffle

Submitted by Larry Hebring

The Club has taken 210 Football Crazr raffle tickets to sell for the Swiss District and our Club. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or helping to sell the 210 tickets for the club please contact Larry Hebring. Last year we sold 300 tickets and raised over \$1600.00 for the club and people who bought our tickets were awarded over \$1000.00. It is a fun way to watch the 18-week football season and an easy sell at \$20.00 per ticket. Contact Larry at 414-899-5807 or larryh@starpromo.net

Movie Night – Optimist Sponsorship



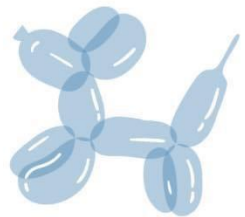
Movie schedule

Friday, July 21 – Elf (Christmas in July)

Friday, September 8 – Sing

Falls Kids Festival

AUGUST 12, 2023



SAVE THE DATE!

A day full of fun celebrating all things kids!

FREE Concert with
Children's Recording Artist

**LAURIE
BERKNER
SOLO**



Scan for
more details!



Past Events

Photos by Jon Cline



Submitted by Deb Mattson
Distinguished Young Women of Menomonee Falls 2024 Chair

Dear Optimists

I'd like to thank you for all the help I was given to make the 59th Distinguished Young Women of Menomonee Falls program happen this year! It truly takes a village....



Here are the names of the many volunteers (mostly Optimists!) that offered their time and talents to making it a wonderful production- (I hope I have not left anyone out, or spelled your name incorrectly):

Meg Sranske – DYW State chair
Joel Weidner- Judges' Chair
Jackie Rammer – Be Your Best Self Essay Coordinator
Keri Duce – Judge, BYBS Essay
Dawn Mariscal – program book
Nathan Russell- program ad solicitor
Barb Burja– Scholastic judge's chair
Vickie Dederich, Marcia Hebring – Little Misses chair

Practice Interview Preparation

Mitch Rea

Practice Interview Judges

Annie Jurczak, Kathy Matthiessen, Clara Schekel and Sandy Smalley

Program

Jason Husslein and Rec Dept Staff for facilities

Danny Shepherd – sound

Tom Matasek - lighting

Greg Mattson – backstage volunteer

Sara Shepherd, Kathy Mattiessen- assistance with participants backstage

Jeanine Dederich – Little Miss chaperone

Kathie Jensen, Joanne Wanner - sold tickets and programs

Ann Freudenthal, Eileen Weins, Jim Weitzer – sold 50/50 tickets

Kirsten Sperl, Koni White, Linda – took tickets at the door

Chris Forsten and Falls Cable Access

Ali Leon– cohost

Erin Hu – co-host

Steve Fleming, Kim Wenzel - Tabulators

President Shannon Dederich - opening remarks

JOI members- baked goods and sold them in lobby

Jon Cline – photography

I would also like to recognize Cathy Sharkey for her hours of help, mentoring, guiding and just plain doing the many things it takes to put together a program like this – she's not really retired from DYW!

These are the 8 amazing participants from this year:

Sumedha Adavi –Menomonee Falls High School

Alena Her –Menomonee Falls High School

Aashi Iyengar- Sussex Hamilton High School

Krystal Lee –Menomonee Falls High School

Heidi Lillegard –Menomonee Falls High School

Riya Mathews -Sussex Hamilton High School



Erika Mork –Menomonee Falls High School
Sammy Seiler -Sussex Hamilton High School

Awards

Interview, Fitness, Self Expression and Spirit– Aashi Iyengar \$400
Talent and Scholastic – Riya Mathews \$200
Be Your Best Self Essay – Krysta Lee \$100

Sumedha Adavi – 2 nd Runner-Up

- \$300 cash award from Community League of Menomonee Falls

Riya Mathews – 1 st Runner-Up

- \$1,000 scholarship from the Optimist Club (Letter)

Aashi Iyengar - Distinguished Young Woman of Menomonee Falls for 2024

- \$2500 scholarship from the Optimist Club (Letter)
- medallion



The Optimist Club has sponsored and organized the program since 1986. This program would be able to continue without the many volunteers and financial support of this club. To date the Optimist Club has awarded \$40,000 in scholarships and cash awards through this program

If you would like to watch the program, it is available on demand on Fallscableaccess.com

Some of our participants will be in the Memorial Day Parade, the 3rd of July Parade and attending an upcoming Optimist meeting.

Our winner, Aashi Iyengar, is preparing for the state Distinguished Young Women program, held August 12th, 2023 at Franklin High School. We wish her the best of luck! Deb Mattson Distinguished Young Women of Menomonee Falls 2024

Kids Fishing Derby

Submitted by Dustin Koehler



Well, the 2023 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Catch and Release Fishing Derby is in the books, and WOW, what a fantastic event it was! This year's fishing derby took place the morning of Saturday, May 13th at the Mill Pond. The weather turned out decent. While it looked like it wanted to rain early, other than maybe a drop or two, the rain stayed away. The temperature was cool, but certainly not as cold as we have seen in the past. And while the sun did not come out much, overcast skies provided for some perfect fishing weather. Hundreds of people enjoyed the derby, including the **123** kids who registered to fish, many parents, grandparents, and other family and friends who joined! The fish were biting! Between 10:00 AM and noon, at



least **43** kids caught fish, for a total of at least **99** fish caught.

Some of the highlights of the fish caught were an 11.5" Large Mouth Bass, an 11" Rainbow Trout, multiple Trouts measuring in at over 10 inches, an 11" Catfish, and a 14.5" Sucker Fish. We also had an 8-year-old who caught 12 fish and a 13-year-old who caught 15 fish!



During registration, each child received a t-shirt and a grab bag with several different give-a-ways, including items from the DNR, candy, coupons, fishing tackle, etc. In addition, representatives from the **Germantown Fleet Farm** store joined us and handed out items for the kids. Thank you, Fleet Farm! The Neighborhood Watch did a great job keeping any hunger away. They sold coffee, donuts, hotdogs, and other treats from the concession stand. Jerry Mislang did an excellent job emceeing the event using the sound equipment Danny Shepherd set-up and ran throughout the event. In case you missed it, Jerry had many



"fish" jokes throughout the morning, which really kept the crowd entertained. **Jon Cline** took photos throughout the derby! Door prizes were given throughout the morning to all kids who registered, and there was a trophy presentation at the end. And maybe most importantly, the fishing derby allowed for quality time for families in our community to bond with one another and create very special memories. The morning was an absolute success filled with so many smiles!



New this year, we had a 50 / 50 raffle at the fishing derby in honor of the club's 50th anniversary! Ticket sales totaled \$296, sending a lucky winner home with \$148 and bringing in \$148 to the club to help cover some of the costs of the derby.

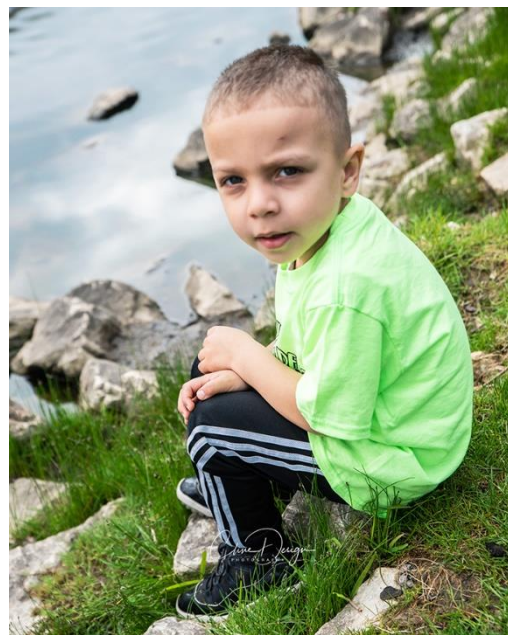


Sue Carny and I would like to thank each and everyone who helped make this event possibly. A huge thank you goes out to **Jerry Mislant, Danny Shepherd, Larry Hebbring, Kathie Jensen, Kathy Matthiessen, Kirsten Sperl, Joanne Wanner, Lance Newman, Greg Mattson, Tom Walkner, Annie Jurczyk, Steve Miller, Larry Podolske, Bob Wenzel, Jon Cline, Fred Blanke, Mitch Rea, Del Kreuser, Stuart Reichl, Tim Newman, and Kim Wenzel.**

We would also like to thank our sponsors and others who contributed to the derby, including **The Optimist Club of**

Menomonee Falls, The Village of Menomonee Falls, The Menomonee Falls Police Department, the Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch, RB Enterprises of Menomonee Falls, Krueger's Entertainment Center, Fleet Farm in Germantown, Cops and Kids Foundation, Sandy Spring Farm, the DNR, and Tru Turn.

We would also like to thank the **Menomonee Falls CE & Rec, The Falls Neighbors Magazine,** and the **Menomonee Falls School District*** who helped get the word out for the derby.



We sure hope we did not miss anyone, as there are so many who made this 2023 Kids Fishing Derby possible! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2024 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Fishing Derby next May!



33rd Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Submitted by *Todd Paulus*
Golf Committee Chair



Wow, what a day it was. The weather was sunny, but a little cool. We can deal with the cool as long as the rain stayed away, which it did. The **winning group in Flight 1** was **Mike Yanke, Carl Holzem, Ken Pulvermacher, and Jeff Schwalbach** shooting -15. The **winning group in Flight 2** was **Larry Hebbring, Larry Barbera, George Downey and Tom Horne** shooting -8. The **winning group in the Women's division** was **Cindy Krause, Kim Strachota, Cheri Schadeberg and Amy Johnson** shooting -2. The **putting contest winner** was **Mike Eklund** with a winning score of 26 (out of a possible 30). The real winner though this day is the kids as all money raised goes to scholarships for high school seniors this year.

We are thankful to all the donors for our outing that helped us maximize our profits from local businesses to individual Optimists that helped us out. See the attached sheet that details all the donors for the day. A huge thank you to all. If I missed someone, I apologize. Local businesses constantly get hit with donation requests. If you patronize any of those listed, please thank them for their support of our outing. They really appreciate people noticing and acknowledging it. A big thank you to the **volunteers** – **Marcia Hebbring, Shannon Dederich, Kathy Matthiesen, Joy Fricke, Larry Podolske, Stevie Mistle Wildt, Laura Ciletti, and Clara Scheckel**. They make it easy on me as they jump in and

handle



everything that comes their way that day. A special shout out to **Carol Schulteis and Kristy Gruenwald** who not only made the goodies for the drink cart but also maneuvered their cart around 3 courses to make sure they hit all the groups to keep them hydrated with their goodies. A big thank you to **Ed Schlumpf** who came out to our event in the afternoon, just to handle the auction duties for our event. The voice and silent auctions raised over \$3000.00. A thank you to **Jon Cline** for capturing the photos for our event and a thank you to **Jerry Mislant** for helping capture winning bidders during the voice auction. A huge huge thank you to our committee – **Greg Mattson, Tom Ciskoski, Scott Drier, John Yusko, Carol Schulties, and Joy Fricke**. It is truly a team effort to pull this off and everyone on the committee pitches in to get donated





Meat Market for preparing very tasty food for lunch, during the golf and afterwards. They also donated a nice auction item to us that raised \$250.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year, please feel free to reach out to me at a meeting, via email, or on my cell phone. We are always open to suggestions of how to make the outing better. Mark your calendars for next year – May 15, 2024 (third Wednesday of May). Thanks again to everyone. Once the figures are final, I'll share them with the club.

items we use in our outing. A thank you also to all those that golfed, and those that recruited golfers for our outing. Without the golfers, all our efforts mean nothing. We ended up having 38 foursomes register, with 37 showing up the day of, which make this our biggest event ever. Two final thank yous go out to **Mike Lehman** and the **staff at Ironwood Golf course** for making the day go smoothly and **Chip Bunxel** and **Bunzel's**



Hole Sponsor

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- Bank Five Nine
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- DJ's Goal Post
- State Farm
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- Proactive Title
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- Alumni Club
- Art Lounge
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- Brisco County
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- Tapin Golf
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Rick Kohl
Terry Marcou
Jeanine Dederich
Dan Schwind
Paul Matson
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Booze

John Yusko
Otto's
Clara Scheckel
Ann Freudenthal
Chris O'Reilly
Joe Eberhardy
Kathy Matthiesen





Ribbon Cutting at Splash Pad and Play Area



Optimist Meetings

Photos by Jon Cline

Students of the Month



L to R: Elise Warnoc (North Middle School), Ella Weyker (MFHS) Ella Weyker (St. Mary) Alexander Housey (North Middle School). Not pictured: Jessica Platais (MFHS)

Optimist International President

OI President, Bob McFayden, came to our May 1 meeting. Club members joined him at Village Park.



MFHS Girls Track Team



Riverside Pen Pals



Executive Board Minutes

Date: May 16, 2023

Attendees: Shannon Dederich, Michael Russell, John Yusko, Kim Wenzel, Dan Schwind, Barb Schmit, Stacie Estrada, Tom Ciskoski, Todd Paulus, Fred Blanke, Scott Dreier

Absent: Dustin Koehler

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00am

2. Approval of May meeting agenda, any additions/corrections?

Motion made by Barb Schmit and Seconded by Dan Schwind to accept the May Meeting Agenda. The Motion was approved.

3. Approval of April meeting minutes, any additions/corrections?

Motion was made by Tom Ciskoski and Seconded by John Yusko to accept the April Board Minutes. The Motion was approved.

4. Presentation of donation requests (approvals post presentations)

I. **MFHS Softball:** Sent in request for \$1,000 for Uniform Pants. Coach Lou and 2 players from the MFHS Softball team made a presentation to the Board requesting \$1,000 for new Grey Uniform pants to match the new custom jerseys that the Girls had chosen as the Girls felt that their current black uniform pants did not match with the new Grey jerseys. It was mentioned that the new Uniform pants had already been purchased and that the cost was approximately \$33 per pair of pants for each of the 30 players on the Team for a \$1,000 request. It was also mentioned that the custom Jerseys which the team fundraised for and purchased would go with the players at the end of the season but that the uniform pants that they were requesting funding for would stay with the team for future players. The players also mentioned that they were selected as 1st Seed in the Sectionals and were currently 1st in the conference.

II. **FBLA Request for \$5,000 for FBLA National Competition in Atlanta:** MFHS FBLA Advisor Sara Sturm and 3 FBLA Club members came to make a presentation for a donation of \$5,000 to be used towards their expenses for the 2023 FBLA Nation Competition that is being held in Atlanta, Georgia this year. The students presented the Purpose and Mission of the FBLA program and the types of events that students participate in. This year the MFHS FBLA Club had 49 students qualify for National Competition however due to some scheduling conflicts only 30 would be attending. The students mentioned that the MFHS FBLA Club is the largest chapter in the state and that their Club has won 9 consecutive State FBLA Championships as well as multiple Regional wins

6. Presentation of the Treasurer's report

a. Notes on future of Treasurer's Report

Motion was made by John Yusko and Seconded by: Scott Dreier to Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The Motion Passed

7. Approvals of donation requests and budgets



i. **MFHS Softball:** After a discussion regarding the fact the new pants were a discretion item, were relatively inexpensive and had already been purchased. A request for a motion was made to approve a \$1,000 donation for the Softball Team, no motion was received. This item did not pass.

ii. **FBLA Request for \$5,000 for FBLA National Competition in Atlanta:** After a brief discussion regarding the amount of the donation. A Motion was made to provide a donation of \$1,000 by John Yusko and seconded by Tom Ciskoski. The Motion passed.

iii. **Club Website:** After a brief discussion regarding the setup and design of a website as well as yearly hosting and maintenance with KKOM. Website initial setup cost would be \$2,355 plus \$400 per year for hosting the website and \$375 per year for maintenance and support for an initial investment of \$3,130. The following year's annual cost would then be \$775 for hosting and maintenance and support only. A motion was made by John Yusko to approve the \$3,130 initial website cost and was seconded by Tom Ciskoski. The Motion passed.

8. **New Member Applications:**

Megan Ferral
Michele Pittman
Angie Biejenski
Craig Natzke
Tyler Roeming

A Motion was made by Barb Schmit and Seconded by Tom Ciskoski to accept all of the above applicants as new members of our Club. The Motion Passed.

9. **Old Business**

a. **2023 – 2024 Board/Officer Nominations:** Several possible candidates were discussed for the 3 Open Board positions. A list of nominees for the open Board positions will be presented to the General Membership soon for consideration. We are still looking for a nominee for the 2nd Vice President/Secretary position, at this time the board is willing to consider altering this position's term and duties for a potential nominee if this will help fill the position.

b. **Popcorn Teams:** Team Captains will contact their team members shortly if they have not already done so.

10. **New Business**

11. **Anything else for the good of the club**

12. **Next meeting date June 20, 2023**

13. **Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made by Mike Russell and Seconded by Scott Dreier. The Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 am

June Birthdays

6/4	Trudie Yunto
6/7	Brian Stark
6/9	Mitch Rea
6/9	Tyler Roeming
6/11	Stacie Estrada
6.15	Bill Hathaway
6/18	Terry Marcou
6/20	Meg Latus
6/20	Tex Reiter
6/24	Cathy Hazzard
6/24	Nikki Visoky
6/25	Dustin Koehler
6/26	Craig Natzke
6/27	Nathan Russell
6/30	Larry Hebbing
6/30	Pat Lynch



How to Publish Optimist News and Events

There are multiple options for publishing Optimist news and events to the community and to the Optimist members. It is important to get the word out so everyone is aware of the events we sponsor to benefit the youth of the community. Committee chairs are responsible for writing the articles and sending them via email to the people listed below:



NEWSLETTER Barb Schmit **no later than the 27th of each month** - schmitbarb@gmail.com

NEWSPAPERS Shannon Dederich **three or more weeks prior to your event, as quickly as possible after an event**
- shannon.dederich@gmail.com

FACEBOOK Cathy Sharkey or Dawn Mariscal - csharkey224@yahoo.com, dmariscal@wi.rr.com,

WEBSITE Beth Saunders - bethjsaunders@gmail.com



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FOUNDATION**

Dime-A-Day

Optimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International itself and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children. Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

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Can you spare a **dime a day**?

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. (Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. Charge my MC Visa Discover American Express

Account # _____ Exp. ____/____ Signature: _____ Security Code _____

Sign me up! Please deduct \$3.05 per month from my checking account.

Checking account number: _____ (Please include a copy of a voided check)

Name _____ Email _____

Club Number _____ Member Number _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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