

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

Friday, July 10, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-one members attended this first Friday of the month business meeting, with seven (Charlie, Howard, Maxine, Steve, Bob, Eileen and Leon) wearing their Optimist shirt.

Mystery Greeter: Steve Lane greeted Diane Van Natta.

Free Breakfast and Joker Draw Winners: Bob Weier cut the 9 of Spades in the Joker Draw for \$2. (One more card and he would have had the joker!!)

Business Meeting and Announcements:

- Maxine passed around the "Sharing & Caring for a Cause" pot. The collection will be donated to Aaron Pluemer in his efforts for Diabetes. A total of \$89.00 was collected. Ken will add to that to make it a total donation of \$100.00 on behalf of the Optimist Members.
- We received Thank You cards from The Parent Volunteer group for our donation to Special Olympics, Rountree Gallery for art supplies, and 2015 College for Kids. The kids attending this event received T-Shirts and the Optimist Logo was on the back along with other sponsors.
- Congratulations to Doug Martin on his election to the Board of Directors for Wisconsin Bankers Association.
- Maxine recognized the following birthday – Gary Engelke. Leon and Madge will be celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary.
- Hartig Drug will donate Malt Cups for Party in the Park, so we will not be having the Dilly Bars. Thanks to Gary for making this possible.
- The installation banquet will be September 27th. More details to follow.
- **Oh, and we still need a 2nd Vice President.**

Program:

Gary introduced today's speaker – Pastor Michael Short from First English Lutheran Church. Pastor Mike provided us with an update on Family Promise. The program focuses on families rather than individuals. It is unique in that the goal is to keep families together with a goal of permanent work and housing. Homeless shelters can assist families, but many times they become separated during transition.

Generally Family Promise is looking for 12 – 13 host churches to provide space for families to spend the evening. The next day, the family would go about their business whether going to work for the adult members or school for the younger ones. There will also be a Day Center for general daily activities where the families will be able to spend time. Pastor Mike indicated they are close to having enough churches to host families. They will also be looking for support from smaller churches and community groups to volunteer to help with various needs that will arise, such as meals and family activities.

The estimated budget for this project is \$100,000.00. Many fundraisers have been held and there are several more scheduled. Family Promise is currently operating with a temporary Board and will be looking to install a permanent Board of Directors. Pastor Mike indicated they are looking for individuals to fill these positions. A Day Center Director and Case Worker will also be a part of Family Promise to assist families in transition.

They have a goal to be in operation to assist homeless before the cold weather sets in. Pastor indicated there is a real need in our area as he quoted some statistics regarding the Homeless in Grant County. The project will work with current homeless agencies and in some cases help ease the burden as many of them cover a five county area. They will also get referrals from these agencies.



Gary Engelke introduced Pastor Michael Short as today's speaker.

Minutes taken and submitted by Eileen Engelke; edited for "Rooster Call" by Charlie Clark.



"Little Tommy started blogging at six months."