

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Friday, November 6, 2015

Attendance: Nineteen members were present, plus Dan Engelke, guest of Doug Martin. Dan will be joining our organization within the next few weeks.

Mystery Greeter: 1st V.P. Kevin Haertzen greeted Beth Frieders, who gets a ticket to win the Joker Draw.

Luck of the Draw: Names drawn for the monthly 'free' breakfast during November were: Those present at meeting were Bob Stephens and John Urness; members not in attendance were George Byykkonen and Jim Boll. In the absence of Charlie Clark, our regular Joker Draw MC, Gary Engelke conducted the drawing. Having no invested interest, Bob Stephens drew the winning ticket, acknowledged by Steve Lane, however purchased by Steve and brother Ron, for Bob Weier, who was spending time with grandchildren in Minnesota. Queen of Clubs was drawn, giving Bob \$2 (if he can ever collect it from his brother Ron!), and leaving the pot at close to one grand!!

Business Meeting:

++ **Finance/Administrative Committee:** John Urness presented the Treasurer's Report, providing balance information in both the internal account as well as the youth account, stating further that there are funds to be paid from the youth account yet this year. After brief discussion, report was approved as presented on motion of Gary Engelke, seconded by Hap Daus. Carried.

The 2015-2016 Budget was presented individually, with time allowed for questions and discussion. The 2015-2016 Internal Account Budget was approved on motion of Kevin Haertzen, seconded by Doug Martin. Carried. The Youth Account Budget was approved on motion of Leon Neuheisel, seconded by Kevin Haertzen. Carried.

Drafts of the Legion Park signage, designed and crafted by Bowden Signs, was presented and was recommended for approval by the Board. Sign will be blue on white background, Platteville Optimist, Friend of Youth with the OI logo. Initial purchase investment was shared with members present in addition to what the annual maintenance cost is estimated to be. The Platteville Area Optimist will share in the cost as well as the annual maintenance cost. Discussion concluded on motion of Eileen Engelke that the sign be purchased with funds from the internal account, not from the Joker Draw Funds as was discussed. Motion seconded by Leon Neuheisel. Carried.

++ Doug Martin informed the membership that Stacia Stephenson has resigned her membership. Due to a career change and the birth of a new baby, it is no longer feasible for her to maintain her membership.

++ Santa Calling – Organized through the Platteville Parks and Rec department, Howard notified President Weier that the dates have been set for December 15, 16, 17. Maxine will prepare a volunteer signup sheet, hoping to secure 3 to 4 people each evening, from approximately 6:00 to 8:00 to call children.

++ Reminders were provided on the following upcoming events:

Food Pantry – Member donations will again be collected at our Business Meeting on December 4. Maxine explained with the approaching holidays, the need increases. An email will be done, hoping that if food donations are not practical for a member to donate, perhaps they will be inclined to send a cash donation.

Thursday's Child Fun Run/Walk – Scheduled for December 5, departure from Second Street Middle School entrance. Maxine provided an explanation on Thursday's Child for those unfamiliar with the program. She further stated that earlier this year, our organization adopted Thursday's Child as an annual recipient and our Name/Logo will be imprinted in the back of the Jingle Bell Run T-shirts. She concluded stating an email, with detailed poster included, had been forwarded to all members.

Platteville Holiday Project – Requests have been posted for help with toy and food distribution. Our organization will again pick up donated toys from area drop locations starting November 19 and going through December 10. Maxine will prepare a signup sheet.

++ **Membership/Club Building:** President Weier indicated our goal is to gain 2 new members this year.

++ **Fellowship/Weekly Programs:** Doug Martin is coordinating November, with Eileen Engelke taking November 20 in his absence. Diane VanNatta is responsible for December and has a speaker on the Platteville Holiday Project scheduled for December 11. We are in need of coordinators for April, May, June, July and August, 2016. Maxine will do an email to all members requesting help.

++ **Publicity/Newsletter:** Maxine will be getting the quarterly newsletter out early December.

++ **Website:** Report from Beth Frieders indicated the release is still pending.

++ **Old Business:**

Meeting Location – President Weier stated members should start thinking about our future meeting location as to whether we will return to what is now A & W or stay with Country Kitchen. We will look at making a decision within the next few months, giving the management time to open and get organized.

Badger Boys/Girls State – Potluck at Elks on November 11, 2015, 6 PM.

++ **New Business:**

Dime-A-Day – Jerry Schewe, Foundation Representative, is coordinating this event during December and January. President Weier indicated we hope to match or exceed last year, setting a goal of \$1,000.00.

Brochures – We have a limited supply and are working at having new ones printed, which will include new events that have been adopted, reflect our Vision Statement and list the URL for our new website.

Sweaters – Maxine provided a sample of a sweater, having had a request that we look into having these available with our Optimist Logo imprinted. Cost is averages \$30.50 - \$33.50, depending on quantity. Maxine will do an email informing membership that these are available for order. President Weier requested we also do an email and perhaps get an order for shirts if anyone is interested.

++ **Meeting Schedule** – President Weier reminder members there will be no meeting the Friday after Thanksgiving