

Minutes DMM Board of Directors

October 22nd, 2016 Grand Forks, North Dakota

Clubs present: 35001, 35005, 35014, 35021, 35027, 35051, 35055, 35070, 35078, 35096, 35111, 35116, 35123, 35124, 35125, 35130, 35131, 35140, 35143, 35150, 35151, 35153, 35156, 35157, 35163, 35166, 35171, 35204, 35210, 35230, 35231

Past Governor Ken Schulz presented awards for 2015-16 year at breakfast, he also announced the following nominees for the 2015-16 DMM Roger L Haas Optimist of the Year Award: , Rich Baumann – New Ulm, Janet Brubakken – Brookings, Tim Goetz – Grand Forks, Jon Hartsuiker – Brandon Valley, MN, Dan Hupe – Saint Boniface. Carmen Bakken, Jim Bisek and Fred Urso were the committee members who evaluated the candidates. Past Governor Ken Schulz chose Dan Hupe for the award.

Call to Order: 9:05 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies: included presentation of colors by the Holy Family Catholic Church Boy Scout Troop #13, National Anthems by the Grand Cities Children's Choir, welcome by Mayor Michael Brown who is also a Friend of Optimist, introduction of Regional Vice President Sue Fix, introduction of Past Governors and Past District Secretary Treasurers, welcome of 3 1st Timers, recognition of 7 2nd timers who were presented with a \$5 rebate on their registration, and the passing of the gavel to Governor Terry Gorman.

2015-16 Finance report: Moved by Jo-Anne Pelzer, seconded by Jeri Gorman to accept the financial statement ending 9-30-2016 as presented. Carried.

Minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Jo-Anne Pelzer, seconded by Don Clausen to accept the minutes as presented for the DMM Convention, August 11-13, 2016. Carried.

2016 Convention Update: Presented by Jo-Anne Pelzer, \$335.30 profit. Remarked that we need a better way to report credentials, Jo-Anne to propose a change to the policy to address this.

2016-17 Budget: Moved by Lori Cook, Seconded by Jim Bisek to accept the budget. Carried.

2017 Convention: Presented by Jo-Anne Pelzer, to be held at the Canad Inn Club Regent Casino Hotel, room rates are expressed in Canadian, current exchange rate of 1.30. There will be a children's program. Registration rate will be determined later based on exchange rate. You will need a passport to return to the U.S. Check your cell phone package to not incur roaming charges.

State of the DMM: Governor Terry remarked we have 2133 members, typical attrition is 15-17%. Need to bring in lots of members. We need 3 new clubs and +25 in members to be distinguished. Clubs should follow the new honor club requirements. Fill out your President Pride report as year progresses – but don't submit it until September 30th. We want to be Distinguished! Watch the district website for more details.

Governor Elect remarks: Kevin Hammell is looking for member to volunteer to be part of his team. He is striving to have the DMM have it's 5th consecutive year as Distinguished.

Past Governor remarks: Ken Schulz shared that we are providing great services to the kids, and we need to continue. Proud to be the Immediate Past Governor and proud of the district for ending the year a +35 in membership and once again earning Distinguished status! Looking forward to another good year, and asked that we support Governor Terry.

The district recognized the recent passing of Carol Kruger with a moment of silence.

Essay: Jeri Gorman present the Essay them of “Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges”. Deadline for submission is by Feb. 28th, must be sent to Jeri Gorman. There is a \$10 entry fee.

CCDHH: Ginny Bisek remarked that the info for this contest is on the website and will be in the district newsletter. Deadline is April 15th. There is a \$75 entry fee to the District. Contest is open to young people up to grade 12 in United State and Canada. There are marketing materials available online at optimist.org that you can use with local papers, etc.

Oratorical: Dave Nichols stated the contest will be run the same as last year with a World contest. It will be combined gender and clubs must do a combined gender contest as well. The theme is “What the World Gains from Optimism”. There is a \$100 entry fee to the District to offset the additional cost of a Regional and World contest. We will not be sending the contestant to St. Louis to compete. Both 1st and 2nd place winners will receive a \$2500 scholarship.

2018 Convention Bid: Kevin Hammell presented Rochester’s bid for the convention. Unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

OI Foundation: Carmen Bakken presented the program and accepted donation checks.

CCOF: Wes Shewchuk presented the program and accepted donation checks.

CCC: Linda Grulke presented the program and fundraising ideas, and accepted donation checks.

New Club Building: Jim Meyers listed possible club locations, and provided information on resources to help.

District Growth / Membership: Gita Hendricks reminded us that fall is the time to clean-up non-members and start replacing.

Candidate Qualifications: Don Stover and Ken Schulz presented Carmen Bakken as a candidate for 2020-21 year, we still have a 2 year gap to fill.

How to Use Facebook: Jessie Poskozim and Tim Goetz presented a webinar on how to use Facebook to promote your club activities.

Club Activities: Arnie Odefey stated that he would like to see clubs doing more hands on activities like Tri-Star sports, teen parties, reading, mentoring , etc.

Personal Growth: Cheryl Bergstrom presented the changes to the Personal Growth programs. PGI program is not going away – you can complete the levels. If not actively doing PGI – you should do the PDP program – however no previous accomplishments prior to 10/1/16 will be allowed.

Internet Safety: Star Munch provided a lot of information, she will provide more information via the DMM Dispatch. You can order an Internet Safety kit from Optimist International.

International Convention 2017: Ken Schulz presented info on the OI 99th Annual Convention July 6-8, 2017 (Albuquerque, NM) – encouraged membership to register early for lodging.

3rd Qtr Board meeting: Jim Bisek presented information on the upcoming meeting in St. Cloud to be held at the Marriott hotel on April 28-29. Registration is \$55. Hosts to the District Oratorical and CCDHH contest.

First Timers Awards: Great participation, Cole Spavin was the contest winner.

Regional Vice President remarks: Sue Fix shared an inspirational message to: Appreciate the present, improve your future by working on it today, accept others, provide kindness, along with many other inspiring thoughts on living life better for yourself and others.

Funds Raised: OIF - \$1867; CCOF - \$702, Boutique - \$582; CCC – \$1876

Credentials Report: Special thank you to the members of Grand Forks club, in particular Curt Sandberg, Tim Goetz and Jim Holter for all their hard work to put on a fantastic board meeting. 74 attendees from 29 clubs.

Regional Vice-President Sue Fix duly installed the Board and was presented with a \$100 donation to the OI foundation of her choice.

Closing Remarks: Governor Terry thanked everyone for their attendance and left them with encouraging remarks.

Adjourned with the CREED at 4:05 pm