

Minutes DMM Board of Directors
Optimist Strong
October 21, 2017 Jamestown, ND

Clubs Present: 35014, 35027, 35078, 35096, 34111, 35116, 35123, 35125, 35130, 35131, 35140, 35143, 35150, 35151, 35153, 35156, 35157, 35158, 35163, 35166, 35171, 35204, 35210, 35216, 35231, 35232, 35234

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Past Governor Terry Gorman presented his 2016-2017 awards for membership and for the 2016-17 team members

Call to order: 9:01am

Opening Ceremonies: Presentation of Colors by Jamestown Boy Scout Troup #134, US Anthem and Canadian Anthem sung by Alivia Hoke, Invocation and Introduction of Head Table by Lt Gov. Ken Schulz, Welcome to Jamestown by Mayor Katie Anderson, Passing of the Gavel to Governor Kevin Hammell, Introduction of OI representative Russ Thomas, Introduction of past Governor's and past DMM Secretary Treasurers, 12 are in attendance, Welcomed 6 First Timers by Susan Fix.

2016-2017 Finance Report: Moved by Lori Cook, seconded by Susan Fix to accept the financial report ending 9/30/2017. \$22,500 has been turned over to the new administration. Motion Carried.

Minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Lori Cook seconded by Carmen Bakken to accept the minutes as presented. Amended to include the final income made at the convention for OIF and CCC.

2017 Convention Update: Reported by Jo-Anne Pelzer, profit of \$123.22

2017-2018 Budget: Moved by Bill Reilly seconded by Chuck Spavin to accept the budget presented. Motion carried.

2018 Convention Budget: presented by Keith Davis. Dates for the Convention are Aug 2-3-4, 2018 in Rochester, MN, registration expected to be \$160. The Hotels are the Holiday Inn and Hilton Garden Inn in Rochester.

OI 2018 Convention in Ottawa, CA: Terry Gorman announced the convention dates are July 7-10, 2018. Rooms should be reserved as soon as possible.

State of the DMM District: Governor Kevin announced we ended the 2016-17 year in 9th place for OI ranking. The district is currently down 19 members.

Governor Elect Remarks: Dave Martin thanked all for attending first quarter

Roger L Haas Optimist of the Year: Immediate past Governor Terry announced the winner of the Roger Hass Award is Jerry Haas of Bismarck (no relation)

Team Building with OI Rep Russ Thomas: Everyone enjoyed the Marshmallow challenge

Voting for Special Convention bid for 2019; Voting slips were distributed. Special Convention was called to order by Jo-Anne Pelzer. Tim Goetz presented a bid for the convention to be held in Grand Forks. The Grand Forks bid was accepted unanimously.

Candidate Qualifications: Terry Gorman announced we are in need of a candidate for 2020. Anyone with interest in being a Governor is asked to contact Terry. The DMM has candidates interested for the next five years except for 2020.

Oratorical Contest: Oratorical Chair Dave Nichols reported that the district contest will be a combined gender contest. Zone winners names and application information needs to be to Dave by Saturday, April 21st. Contest is in Watertown, April 27-28, 2018. Topic for this Contest is "Where are my roots of Optimism"

CCDHH Contest: Lori Cook Chair for CCDHH reported the topic for the CCDHH contest is the same as the Oratorical contest applications are due to Lori by April 1, entry fee is \$75

Essay Contest: Gov. Kevin reported for Essay Chair Linda Grulke. Topic is "Can Society Function Without Respect". Deadline for applications is February 28, 2018.

Junior Golf: Reporting on Junior Golf was Fred Urso, the Canadian golf contest will by June 9-10, 2018 in Winnipeg.

Childhood Cancer: Jack Dyvig encouraged all Clubs to apply for the OI CCC grants. \$1000. Donation from Optimist Club of Bismarck was received.

CCOF Report: Jo-Anne Pelzer reported on Canadian Children's Cancer Fund

OIF Report: Carmen Bakken will be circulating raffle tickets to all club presidents via mail as well as selling tickets at district meetings for an Echo Plus. Carmen held a rainbow auction for OIF raising \$200

Minnesota State Fair: Chuck Spavin reported that 11 Optimist Club's worked the Optimist State Fair booth.

PDP: Cheryl Bergstrom lead us threw the levels of the Professional Development Program. All completed 5 steps of PDP requirements.

Russell Thomas (OI Rep): Recognition, Motivation, Inspiration. Shared stories on how clubs have influenced members to continue to be Optimist's. Now events are important to grow membership. Dave Martin mentioned that research says it takes 7 contacts for a new member to feel a connection with their club. We need to make them feel welcome, valued and motivate them to participate in events. We retain members when they have good relationships with other members.

Wrap up with First Timers: Susan Fix wrapped up with the 6 first timers.

Fund Raising Reports: CC \$296.50, 6 dime a day and \$130 raised from the quilt tickets. OIF \$2179.50. Boutique sales \$698.90.:

Credentials Report: 64 members attended, representing 28 Clubs, and 6 first timers.

Russ Thomas Closing Remarks: We all need to "Get out of our Comfort Zone" start looking at things differently. We can change the world with our ideas.

Adjourned with Creed at 3:07pm