



ATLANTIC CENTRAL DISTRICT
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
EXECUTIVE MEETING
October 17, 2008

The following members of the Executive Committee were in attendance: Governor Maxcine Collier; Governor Elect Scott Pinheiro; Secretary Marion Dourte, PG; Treasurer Guy Templin, POIBd; Les McMackin, PDG; & Joe Kienzlen, PHG; Lt Governors: Zone 2 John McGeehan; Zone 7 Gene Riordan; Zone 8 Bob Collier, PG; Zone 10 Robert Shingleton.

Also in attendance: A&A John Breidenbach; Finance Elmo Vestal, PG; Meetings & Convention Thad Smith, PG; Membership Chair Jack Creswell, POIVP; PGI Jim Thompson; Sgt. at Arms Bill Drummond.

Special Guests: OIVP Sandra Lariveel Others in attendance: Lue Drummond, Ted Roehrig from JOOI, Lola Cumbo Lower Montco, Dee Cerwood BBOC,.

[Preceding the statement of each motion in these minutes appears in order those who made and seconded each motion. Unless otherwise indicated, the motion was adopted.]

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Governor Maxcine. Co-Chaplain Bob opened the meeting with prayer, pledge, & a toast to Optimists everywhere.

Governor Maxcine had everyone introduce themselves. She then introduced our O.I. Vice President Sandy, who shared her remarks and greetings from OI President Don Seivers.

MOTION: [LMcMackin/GTemplin] To approve the minutes from Convention Executive meeting as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Guy reported that \$17,765.00 was transferred from last year. Books will be completed shortly and sent to the auditors.

District Dues owed: by the following clubs: Carnegie Melon University, Lower Delco, Lower Providence, OKAY Gettysburg, Penn State York, South Toms River, West Chester, Wildwood, and Wilmington.

Optimist International Dues are owed by Lower Delco.

Zone Reports:

Zone 1, Pete Eschmann – no report.

Zone 2, Lt. Gov. John McGeehan – oral report visited 2 of 5 clubs, and all are fundraising. All plan to do Oratorical this year.

Zone 3, Gov. Elect Scott – oral report 3 of 4 ACPCs are done. Monroe & South Twp. are fundraising and working on adding members; Westfield active & new programs planned, they aren't active at district or OI; Watchug small, trying to grow, need members to help with projects Zone has 137 members, and may look to rebuild in Union.

Zone 4 – no report

Zone 5 – no report

Zone 6 – oral/written report by Lue Drummond, Zone meeting is Oct. 28; along with the activities of all clubs in the Zone. They are working on various sites to build.

Zone 7 – oral/written report by Lt. Gov. Gene, Zone is interested in PGI, growth in both JOOI & adult clubs. There is concern with future of BBOC. Clubs very active with service projects. Eight clubs will be honor.

Zone 8 – oral report by Lt. Gov. Bob C. looking for place to build. Having some trouble arranging meeting times with some of the clubs.

Zone 10 – oral report by Lt. Gov. Bob S. in touch with clubs and setting up meeting times. All invited to Piggy Bowl

Zone 11 – oral report by Secretary Marion that Lancaster will build in Ohio in January. 2 projects – highway clean up on 4th, & Safety Fair at St. Paul's on Optimist in Action Day.

Zone 12 – oral/written report PG Tom, Elmo, & Les, will act as Lt Gov.

Zone 13 – no report

Governor Maxcine gave "Give Me 5!" certificates to Lt. Governors signed by Don Sievers.

Teleconferences will be set up in November and at other times.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Elmo Vestal, PG presented the new budget and listed changes from preliminary report.

MOTION: [LMcMackin/GReardon] The Executive Committee recommends to the Atlantic Central the adoption of the budget for 2008-2009.

New Club Building – Past Governor Elmo Vestal passed out the list of sites for new clubs and asked for updates to the list. There are 17 possible sites that are to be worked on. Updated report attached.

OI VP Sandy Larivee reported on the changes from Optimist International: Co-sponsor of clubs back in up to 4 BOE's; Pilot Program for 15 member clubs in smaller communities w/90 days to add new charter members. Two 15 member clubs = 1 new club credit. Must have permission to build them. She also reported that O.I. will be holding NCB training in our area. Sandy calling in markers and will have help to build new clubs.

Membership: POIVP Jack Creswell stated that the executive committee has to make a difference. We have to lead by example. He challenged everyone to bring in a new member and work on new clubs. As a District we are plus now.

Governor Maxcine stated that the first new member in the District was brought in by Secretary Marion, and congratulated President Bob for Lower Montco being a + 3.

Meetings & Convention: Chair Thad Smith shared the handout and reported new site added. He answered questions from the Executive Committee.

District web site is www.optimist-ac.org and the new version of directory along with pages of corrections is online now. You can also find the A&A, Photo Contest information, Expense reports, pictures from convention, and much more there. The password is "optimist", reported web master Guy Templin.

Treasurer Guy also went over expense reports with the committee.

A&A – John Breidenbach said fewer clubs participated in the A&A. He then handed out membership ideas for possible changes in the A&A program. Discussion was held and various ideas will be considered in the future, looking at rewarding retention and positive actions.

JOOI – Ted Roehrig stated that the paperwork is on its way for the new JOOI club with 10 members to start at Penn Crest HS. A way to raise money to support the cost of JOOI kids needs to be found.

New Business

District Fundraiser OI Supplies will be on sale tomorrow and at all quarter boards from Corral. We will get 10% of all that is sold. Looking for Supply Chair.

District Newsletter – Congratulations to chair Tricia for newsletter that was sent to all members. Please send ideas of your best projects & what clubs are doing to chair Tricia for Second Quarter.

Brain Storming: What strategies can we use to increase attendance at District meetings & convention? Ideas: have braggers fair & share the things they do best; everyone bring one; consider reducing # of meetings, reduce cost, more personal invitations, shorter meetings, get more out of coming to meetings – fun, personal advantages, wiser use of our time, restructure district meetings, more clubs should pay part of the cost for everyone to come, President & Secretary paid & \$5.00 of all other members, encourage members to come; sharing ideas, shorter duration, deliver value, keynote speakers maybe from outside, clubs need training in the field – train by example – call convention something different; build it around a program or theme, in fun locations.

Les McMackin announced that we were a Distinguished District in 2007-2008.

Chaplain Bob closed the meeting with the benediction 10:10 pm.

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Secretary, Atlantic Central District