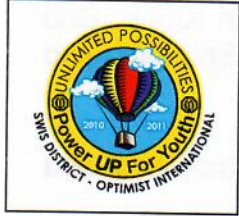




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



APRIL, MAY 2011

**Schedule: 1st Wed of Month, 5:30 PM
Evening; other Wednesday's, 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



This is where we normally find stimulating and exciting comments from our illustrious president John Scherer, however, he has relinquished this space for other club news. He's doing this because of all those terribly informative e-mails he sends us each week. You realize we are required to commit them all to memory; John will test us one day, so be prepared!!!!

First item: my apology for not getting a newsletter out for two months, thus the April, May heading on this one. Hope it won't happen again.

Next item: JOOI.

Monday, May 23 - JOOI Induction Banquet, 5pm at Memorial High; this is in place of our May 18 Club meeting – hope to see you there!

Wednesday, May 25 – Respect for Law; **SPECIAL MEETING PLACE: THE VINTAGE ON WHITNEY WAY.** Because of the large turnout expected, Respect for Law committee chair Steve Bailey has arranged for our annual police and firefighter recognition lunch to be held at The Vintage (owned by Club member Mark Kraemer), please make an extra effort to attend to help us honor top law enforcement personnel from the west side of Madison. This is a big one for us, let's face it our officers deal with an element of our society we wouldn't want to, and because they DO, we DON'T have to! Let's support them next Wednesday.

Summer schedule for June July & August: We'll be meeting only on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month for the summer starting on June 1. We'll meet in the evening on the 1st Wed and at lunch on the 3rd Wed as usual.

Many thanks to all who braved the cold at the Special Olympics Saturday. Hope you are all nice and warm by now!!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Sprecher's – March 9, 2011 Board Meeting
Meeting Summary (10:30 AM – 11:40 AM)

Board Members in Attendance: John Scherer, Jeff Hosking, Carole Klopp, Bob Wortinger, Kevin Campos, Kathy Johnson, Darrin Sharp, Bonnie Spindler, and Gene Spindler

Other STOC Members Attending: Steve Bailey, Rick Conne, Mary Schwartz and Jacci See

The minutes of the February 9, 2011, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no revisions.

Membership Report

Based on a request from long-time member Janine Richgels to resign from STOC, a motion was seconded and approved to remove Janine from the Club roster. The Board also discussed and approved, for the remainder of the fiscal year, a specific member request to waive the prepaid meals billing.

It was reported that with the loss of Janine, our current membership is at 32 regular members plus 2 FOO's.

Scholarship/Foundation Distribution Process

John led a lengthy discussion regarding what STOC's approach should be regarding the level of donations, support, and scholarships for various activities compared to a long-term goal of building up the Foundation's cash balance. Following a strong discussion on a variety of options and opinions, a motion was seconded and approved that 75% of all money raised during a fiscal year (ending September 30) is to be distributed into the community in the following year, with the remaining 25% reserved to build up the Foundation's cash balance. The motion includes the provision that this policy and the funds to be distributed be reviewed annually by the Board no later than January.

Based on 2009-2010 fundraising activity, \$4,130 is available for distributions during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. A motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 8 to 1 to provide two Sauk Trails Optimist Club Community Service Scholarships to students at James Madison Memorial High School of \$750 each this year.

John thanked non-Board members in attendance as well as those who had responded with comments via e-mail for their input.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was seconded and approved to continue the STOC All Star Basketball and Fitness Fundraiser as an approved fundraising event. No date has been set, but it is expected that this event will take place in September or October of 2011. Project leaders are Kathy and Kevin.

Kevin updated the Board on a potential project called KISS the PIG which would be a joint fundraiser with Reach a Child and would take place in early June. A motion was seconded and passed to approve KISS the PIG as an approved fundraising event. Kevin and Kathy were listed as project leaders.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Sprecher's – April 13, 2011 Board Meeting Summary

Board Members in Attendance: John Scherer, Carole Klopp, Bob Wortinger, Kevin Campos, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Spindler, and Gene Spindler. Other STOC Members Attending: Rick Conne

The minutes of the March 9, 2011, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no revisions.

Financial Report

Bob noted that our cash position remains good with net cash of \$11,955 in the Foundation. Operating Fund shows a net loss of \$920 for the first 6 months of the fiscal year, but with a cash balance of \$2,347 there is still a reasonable cushion. Foundation account proceeds during the January – March quarter included a \$367 contribution from the Downtown Optimists for a bowling event won by a team captained by Christian Gridley and \$965 for the fall UW-Football concessions work.

It was noted that amounts remain uncollected from three members who are no longer with STOC. A motion was passed to approve total write-offs of \$442 related to these three members. Bob was directed to draft a letter to these three former members urging them to pay the amounts outstanding.

John led discussion regarding a better interest earning option for the Foundation funds which are presently held at a local bank. John will work with Mary and Darrin to put together a proposal for the next Board meeting.

Fundraising Report

Following a discussion led by Kathy regarding the fact that only \$200 in contributions have been obtained to date after an extensive letter-writing campaign and other concerns, a motion was approved to cancel the Basketball/Fitness Challenge event for 2011. Kathy will contact the three sponsors who have contributed and ask permission to use their contributions for the Kiss A Pig Event.

Rick again presented a partnership opportunity for STOC with the Lussier Community Education Center on an NFL raffle which starts in mid-April. Following discussion, a motion was approved to proceed with this event (in addition to the NFL raffle we have done in the past). Rick Conne will serve as project leader.

Service Events Report

Rick and Carole discussed the Canstruction project which was approved at the last Board meeting. This event is to be held at KEVA on May 12 and they have concluded that it is too big an undertaking to complete adequately by that date. A motion was approved to not participate in this event for 2011.

Bonnie reported on the essay contest winner and on the schedule for STOC members working at upcoming "Cancer Meals". Carole and Rick provided an update on JOOI activities.

Summer Meeting Schedule and Evening Meetings

John led discussion regarding whether we should change our regular meeting schedule for the summer. It was also noted that some concerns have been expressed regarding recent evening meetings with low attendance. It was decided to continue an evening meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at least through the summer and go to an every other week schedule for the summer. Summer meetings will be held: June 1 (eve) and 15, July 6 (eve) and 20, and August 3 (eve) and 17.

Membership Report

Based on a request from long-time member Ricki Hoefler to resign from STOC, a motion was approved to remove Ricki from the Club roster. With the loss of Ricki, our current membership is at 31 regular members plus 2 FOO's.

Social Committee

A report prepared prior to the meeting by Alison was reviewed. The annual STOC picnic will take place on a date to be determined in June at Vilas Park. There are also plans to attend a Mallards game in August with free tickets earned as a result of our Bucky Book sales. The date is still to be determined for this event as well.

Miscellaneous

John asked for volunteers to serve on a steering committee with him to investigate options for revitalizing our club through a possible merger. Kathy, Kevin, and Carole volunteered to join John on this project. John also brought up a memorandum he had sent to Board members regarding putting enhanced focus on just a few club activities and encouraging significantly more member involvement at these designated activities. Other fundraising and service activities would still be offered if a few club members are interested in continuing their past involvement with them. This matter was tabled for further discussion at a future Board meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 10:30 AM at Sprecher's.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

August 6th Milwaukee Area

This is the District Convention and an excellent opportunity for training

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**Sauk Trails Club Officers
 2010 - 11**

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**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO
 Jason Kadow, 3/2; Kevin Campos 3/5; Brinda Mecham
 3/10; Gene Spindler 3/31
 Darrin Sharp, 4/20; Pet Graven 4/25:
 J.Liv Sandberg 4/25**

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year!

**2010-11 STOC
 Committee Chairs**

Volunteer/Service
 Bonnie Spindler
 Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising
 Kevin Campos
 Kathy Johnson

Social
 Alison Scherer

Speakers
 Jacci See

Membership
 Jeff Hosking

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President John doesn't sound like a broken record when encouraging us to think about inviting a guest or two to one of our meetings, he sounds like an Optimist who wants to see Optimism spread and grow not only in our Sauk Trails areas, but all over the city and state for that matter, so this message of Just Ask is not only for us, but every Optimist in our district. Let's not think of our friends as guests, but also new potential members!

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
May 18th	No Meeting		Menu 1
May 25 th	Respect for Law Luncheon	The Vintage on Whitney Way	Menu 2
			Menu 3
			Menu 4
			Menu 1

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost/Evening Hors d' oeuvres: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

Childhood Cancer Meal Serving

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. Following are the Sunday dates where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM.

Sept 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Check your schedule which date would work best for you. There will be future sign-ups and e-mails coming for these dates, but please call or e-mail if there is one that works for you at this time.

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