



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



February 2012

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –
12:45 Noon ; at the Radisson Inn off
Odana Road**



Hello Optimists and Friends!

The Board of Directors has voted to stay at the Radisson for our meetings, so hopefully we have found our new home at 11:45 on Wednesdays! We will not necessarily be in the same room each time, but we will always have access to a screen and projector table. If any speaker wants to bring a power point, please see that the speaker can also bring his/her own projector because it will cost \$100 to rent one from the Radisson. We actually will be confirming 12 for our meetings and if possible, please email me to let me by Tuesday at the latest that you will be coming; the hotel will be setting tables for 18 and can easily accommodate that number, so even if you haven't responded that you can come, please come and feel free to bring a guest! Our menu tomorrow will be Lasagna—the hotel will also be able to do a Caesar salad upon request for every meeting, so let me know if you prefer the salad. Our gluten-free members need to call Claudia directly to request that specific menu—her direct line is 829-6701. If anyone has specific requests and/or comments, please let me know also.

Tracey Ziegler's membership application was received and approved by our Board last week! Tracey is self-employed in sales as well as she is the Business Development Manager for Shoutlet, a social media marketing platform. We hope to hear more about her and her work in the weeks to come. Do welcome her! Her email is tlz35@yahoo.com

Optimistically yours,

Jacci

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Sauk Trails Optimist Club
First Weber Office – February 9, 2012 Board Meeting

Members in Attendance:

President: Jacci See

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Board Members: Ray Schmitz, Mary Schwartz, Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler

The meeting was called to order by Jacci See at 7:45 AM. A motion was made by Mary, seconded by Darrin and passed to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 Board Meeting with no revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the January, 2012 financial statements which were sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

All amounts have been collected for the 2011 Koeze Nut sales with final profits at \$1,438 compared to \$1,737 last year. We still have 4 books outstanding from the 2011 Bucky Book project. Profits are at \$1,005 so far and 4 more sales would get the total profit to \$1,145. Last year's Bucky book profits were \$1,255. Thanks to Kevin and Rick for organizing these very successful efforts! The Board discussed 3 current members with receivables outstanding from October (two have subsequently paid, leaving only one outstanding). Certain Board members were directed to follow-up in this area. A motion was made by Gene, seconded by Ray and passed to accept the January Treasurer's Report.

Membership report

Jacci requested a motion to approve Tracey Ziegler as a new member of STOC. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Gene and approved by the Board to accept Tracey's application. With Ted See joining in the 1st quarter and Dan Bergs, Rich Shultz, and Respect for Law FOO Vic Wahl approved for membership in January, our membership count as of today is 33 + 2 FOOs for a total of 35. STOC started this fiscal year at 30 members (29 + 1 FOO).

Weekly Meetings

Jacci led discussion regarding our recent lunch experiences at Denny's and The Radisson. Those commenting generally favored The Radisson which provides a podium, a larger room (if needed) and an AV set-up. Concerns expressed by one STOC member were discussed as well. A motion was made by Mary, seconded by Gene and approved to hold weekly meeting at The Radisson beginning immediately. The meal cost will remain at \$12 for those eating either the regular meal or an alternative salad or gluten-free offering. Jacci noted that members have continued to do an excellent job of lining up weekly speakers and meetings are currently covered through mid-March.

Progressive Dinner

Members were reminded that the Progressive Dinner is scheduled for February 19 at Spindler's, Klopp's and See's. Ray noted that there is a Badger home basketball game at 3:00 that could be a conflict for some. Attendees will be invited to come at any point during the event which is scheduled from 3:45 to approximately 8:00.

Network/Social Meeting

At the suggestion of Allison, Jacci has tentatively planned an evening social for STOC for Thursday, April 19 at either The Radisson or The Vintage. Jacci plans to invite the Breakfast and Middleton Optimist Clubs to join us.

SWIS Optimist Essay Contest

Jacci noted that Rich Shultz has agreed to serve as chair for this event which needs to be completed by the end of February. John was thanked for his comments at a recent JOOI meeting on behalf of STOC.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8 @ 7:45 at First Weber.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth and Community Foundation, Ltd.
First Weber Office – February 9, 2012 Board Meeting

Members in Attendance:

President: Jacci See

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Board Members: Ray Schmitz, Mary Schwartz, Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler

The meeting was called to order by Jacci See at 8:25 AM.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine scholarship levels for 2012 and identify donations to be paid out currently.

It was noted that our policies indicate that the maximum which could be paid out during the 2011-2012 fiscal year would be \$5,622 (based on 2010-2011 Foundation revenues of \$7,496 * 75%). Largely because we did not do the basketball fundraiser this year, our anticipated Foundation revenues for the current fiscal year are around \$5,500. The current Foundation cash and investment balances at January 31, 2012, totaled \$11,161.48. Discussion took place as to whether our goal was to pay out as much as allowed to benefit the local community or to be more conservative in order to continue to raise Foundation cash balances with the hope of eventually making the Foundation self-sustaining.

A motion was made by Mary, seconded by Gene and approved to fund two \$1,000 scholarships this year at Memorial High School in Madison. A second motion was made by Gene, seconded by Mary and approved to increase the donation to the 2012 OI International Convention (in Milwaukee this year) from \$150 as approved earlier this year at a STOC Board meeting to \$250. This is the minimum level requested by the OI Convention committee (and will get us a banner patch).

Our stuffer program reminding members to consider contributions to our Foundation is off to a good beginning as Ray started us off with a \$25 contribution in January and \$50 more came in from an STOC member in February.

Following further discussions, it was decided to table action on further donations until the next Foundation meeting later this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB JOOI SCHOLARSHIPS

Two students, normally one female and one male, from James Madison Memorial High School who are members of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team are eligible for the two scholarships awarded annually by the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. The actual amount of the scholarship will be determined annually by the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth & Community Foundation Board. A list of potential scholarship recipients will be nominated to the James Madison Memorial High School Scholarship Committee for final selection.

Criteria For Selection Process

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- a. Student is a member in good standing of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team at James Madison Memorial High School.
- b. Student has participated in community service for an extended period of time as documented by the JOOI Team advisers.

2. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- a. Student meets academic requirements for high school graduation.
- b. Student has applied for admission to either a 2 year or 4 year college or technical/vocational school.

3. FINANCIAL NEED

- a. Student has applied for scholarships based upon financial need.

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team just exceeded 200 members within the last week. This year's Board of Directors are an extremely dedicated group with service project sign-up sheets filling the wall for students to sign up for weekly. This past week JOOI members voted to provide the following donations: \$300 to the The Road Home, \$200 to the Lussier Community Education Center, and \$100 to Middleton Outreach Ministry. Students presented on each non-profit at the Wednesday meeting and the entire club voted on the amounts to be awarded. The money was raised last year at the football concessions. Oh, looking ahead, Friday, April 13th, 2012 will be SPIRIT Day at Memorial = where over 300 students spend the morning volunteering in the community. The JOOI Team will be looking for chaperones to help with that event. If you can help, please let one of the advisers know - Rick Conne, Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, or Rick Thomas. Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of this dedicated youth group at Memorial!

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.

May 11-12, 2012 3rd Qtr Conference, Wilderness-Dells

Aug. 24-25, 2012 4th Qtr Convention, Sheraton, Madison

2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs

Volunteer/Service

Carole Klopp-liaison
Bonnie Spindler
Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising

Darrin Sharp-liaison
Kevin Campos
Kathy Johnson

Social

Ray Schmitz-liaison
Alison Scherer

Speakers

Chairs?

Membership

Mary Schwarz-liaison
Chairs?

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2011-2012

President

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**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
TO
GOVERNOR BONNIE SPINDLER
2/11**

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March Newsletter
Articles Due by 3/8/12

The Optimist Creed

Promise yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
To make all you friends feel that there is something in them.
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Annual Progressive Dinner

