**UW-Whitewater Community Optimist Club**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 14, 2014**

Present: President Dave Halbach, Ken Ksobiech, Denise Kaminski, Kim Adams, Jeanine Fassl, Carol Miller, Barb Dickens

**Call to order**: 5:35 pm

**Student Optimist Club Report**: Rachel and Jenny

* Request for continued support. This is a budgeted expense.
* Homecoming plans: 20th Anniversary Reunion Cookout at the Lawcon Shelter on October 25th. Budget for event includes t-shirts (for sale), alumni donations, meat (from budget) and dishes to pass. The UW-W Community Club is invited. JOI has been invited to walk in the Homecoming parade.
* Working with Whitewater Unified School District – Octagon and JOI Clubs. Also, LINCS project for repainting halls, including positive, encouraging words.
* Making tie blankets for police departments to distribute to families
* Possibly raising money for college for person in Burkino Faso

**September Minutes**: The September minutes were approved via e-mail vote after the meeting.

**Board Members Contact List**: This information was updated for Club purposes and has also been updated at the OI website.

**Current membership list**:

* James Lanouette has submitted his resignation. It was accepted with regrets, and he will not be charged any dues for the 14-15 year.
* Additions: follow up with high school and campus people who expressed interest. New members: Bev Bonge-Ganser, Rosalinda Martinez, Mary Kilar, Mary Kay Nelson
* Four members who have not paid dues in the past year will be removed from the roster: Peg Linneman, Sam Martinez, Amberly Bell, and Freda Briscoe. Members will contact these people to discuss interest in returning.

**Program Speakers**: Anne Fellows offered to assist in arranging speakers for the fall semester.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Finished the 13-14 year at about $1500 over budget. We have prepaid for the University storage room for 14-15. The 14-15 budget will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

(Post meeting, via e-mail: Denise informed Board of the following issue:

“Our club policy on dues for new members has traditionally been that new members do not pay for the quarter they joined as they pay a $40 initiation fee (which we pay $15/person to OI).  The four new members we got from the cookout at the high school were added to our roster the last week of September which was the fourth quarter of our 2013-2014 year.  The dues letter for this next year is going to go out in the next week or so and we co do one of two things:  
  
1.  Charge the new members the full amount of the dues ($75) for this next year as they technically joined last quarter.  
or  
2.  Pro-rate their dues to $56.25 which would give them the first quarter of this new year as the quarter that they joined in.  
  
Please e-mail back with your vote for #1 or #2 so Ken and Kate can move forward in sending out the dues letters for the new year.”

The Board voted to support the second option and prorate their fees for the first quarter of this year.

**Use of Dropbox**: Kim will be sure that all Board members can access the Optimist DropBox account.

**Updated Bylaws and Club Policies**: Deferred to the November meeting.

**Blog is being updated regularly**. Calendar of events coming soon.

**Other business**:

* Carol announced that we need new chairpeople for Breakfast with Santa. The Millers and Connie Murray are happy to assist the new chairs. Carol will provide a list and timeline for what it takes to host Breakfast with Santa which will be held on December 6th.
* Youth Appreciation Week will be the week of November 4th.
* Trivia Night planning is underway with Kim, Denise, Lanora, Jeanine, and Jan working on the project with the help of the interns and Student Club. The UWW Community Club portion of proceeds will be directed primarily to the Whitewater Food Pantry and School District Emergency Fund.

**Future Meetings**

* Noon on the second Tuesday of each month
* Evening meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 5:00 – format – social, plus a little business.
  + For October, Kim and Angie will host a social at their home. Future evening meetings:
  + November 12
  + December 10
  + January 28
  + February 25
  + March 18 or 25
  + April 29
  + May 27
  + June 24
  + July 29
  + August 19
  + September 29 – banquet

**Adjournment**: 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E Olson, Secretary