**UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club**

**Board Meeting Minutes—July 8, 2014**

**Jessica’s Restaurant, 5:30pm-7:00pm**

Present: Kim Adams, Jeanine Fassl, Denise Kaminski, Jan Olson, Al Hutchison, Barb Dickens, Anne Fellows, Dave Halbach

Absent: Mike Ciardo

* The meeting was called to order by President Kim Adams at 5:37 p.m.
* Dave moved and Denise seconded approval of the May Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
* Treasurer Denise Kaminski provided a June budget update. Outstanding items include income and expenses from the gyro stand and income from the Jefferson County Fair ticket taking. Preliminary figures from the gyro stand indicate that the Club will likely withdraw about $300 from reserves to cover expenses for the year, as we did not make the budgeted amount. It was a three-day event rather than five, thereby reducing income. It’s possible that the Fair income and possibly a football ticket-taking day will offset this along with areas where we have not spent the budgeted amounts. The Club will need to be frugal in the remaining months. Al Hutchison moved and Barb Dickens seconded a motion to approve the budget. Motion passed unanimously.
* Volunteers to assist with the Jefferson County Fair have been few. Anyone who can find someone to help should do so.
* Barb Dickens reported on this year’s gyro stand. Final income and expense numbers are not available at this time. The Board appreciates a $150 donation from WalMart to help offset expenses. All workers covered shifts as planned and all food was used or returned, except for three tubs of sauce, one of which has been sold. Duane Dickens has submitted his resignation as gyro stand chairperson, although he will be available for guidance. The Board appreciates Duane’s many years of service in this role.
* Jan Olson reported on the Club’s participation in Relay for Life. The Club raised the third most money ($3139) for the event which overall raised more than $31,000. Angie Alesci’s and Kim Adam’s efforts in procuring, painting, and hosting a paver painting party made extra money for the event and the pavers were well-received. There will a paver painting party to make pavers for the orders received at Relay on July 20 from noon to 6 p.m. at Kim and Angie’s house. Everyone is welcome!
* The Board discussed increasing use of student interns to assist with projects, primarily in the area of publicity. Jeanine, Dave, and Kim will meet to develop a proposal which will include the requirements and a position description for the internship. This would be a one-year initiative which would be reviewed again throughout and again at the end of the year.
* Jeanine and Angie have been soliciting members to become officers for the 2014-15 year. At this time the slate includes:
  + President – Dave Halbach (Dave would welcome a co-president.)
  + President-Elect - vacant
  + VP – vacant
  + Treasurer – position is likely filled, but not final
  + Secretary – Jan Olson
  + Board Members: Barb Dickens (continuing), Denise Kaminski, Jeanine Fassl
* Membership recruitment efforts continue
  + Follow Up to Gyro Stand Participants (Kim)
  + Letter to New Teachers (Rick and Jeanine)
  + Faculty Involvement Fair (Kim and Dave)
  + Kim’s Conversation with Lanora (Possible member)
  + Kelly’s Encouragement/facebook
* Kim and the student Optimists are looking for drivers to Chicago Airport (O’Hare) for Burkina Faso group around 1:00 on Friday, August 15th. Possibly two drivers needed. Drivers also needed for return trip on August 26th. Kim will send e-mail to Club with details.
* Trivia Night Committee (Feb. 20, 2015) – Kim, Jeanine, Al, Denise
* Upcoming Weeks…-
  + July 15 meeting at noon in UC 259 with speaker;
  + summer potluck picnic at Kim’s house on July 29th from 5:30 – 8:30;
  + August 12 noon meeting will be a business meeting;
  + August 26th evening meeting will be cancelled.
  + September NOW meeting with school district personnel, possibly at Cravath Lake Community Center, possibly potluck. Date TBD, depending on District calendar.
* Future Agenda Items – How to best manage expenses for Breakfast with Santa. It is acknowledged that this is our biggest event of the year, and we need to determine how to manage it effectively. Current fund has been depleted. Adjust budget? Solicit sponsors? Denise will provide account of recent years’ expenses and status of Toys for Kids funds for discussion.
* Al Hutchison moved and Anne Fellows seconded a motion for adjournment at 7:00. Passed.