

GENERAL SESSION SWIS DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
4th Quarter
TURNER HALL, MONROE, WI
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gov. Barb Nelson followed by a welcome, the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, "Hail to Optimism" and introductions of distinguished guests.

Gov. Barb addressed the members telling them that a strong 11 zone district moved into 5 wedges for the 2008-2009 year to use its resources more wisely. She gave credit to the 3 Lt. Governors who were in attendance. Gov.-elect Jerry Schewe will be continuing this 5 zone district. Change includes "tearing up". Our district was under construction, yet has kept moving forward. Optimism is a movement that looks to the needs and provides the opportunity and gives positive vision. She concluded her remarks asking us to share what we do with people who haven't heard about Optimism so they will buy into this movement and help it forward.

Awards were presented from the National Conference to Joanne Ganske, Dwight Mosby, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe and Rick Sills for work they've completed.

First timers numbered "3"

CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls' name was placed into nomination for Governor-Elect, 2009-2010.

Minutes of last meeting presented; Move to accept by Don Damon and 2nd by Paul Nelson **APPROVED**

Treasurer's report presented; Move to accept by Don Damon 2nd Paul Nelson **APPROVED**

Todd Mc Millin received level 6 and Joanne Ganske received level 10 of PGD

Don Damon gave Fred Dorn special recognition for his work with the Foundation

President Don Sievers gave congratulations to the gathered members for being part of the #1 region. With a team effort we will turn this around. He mentioned the "High 5" program and asked each club to recruit 1 member who is unemployed and that new member will not have to pay International dues until Oct. 2010.

Round table discussions: #1 Service projects are the heart of Optimist Clubs. Share your favorite service project. All Optimist clubs need good fundraisers. What is your best fundraiser? #2 Finish strong; build momentum so we can serve more kids and new communities. In order to do this, ask yourself and your club members: What are we missing? Who are we not touching? #3 After exploring "what's missing?", How do we get on board, grow our clubs and spread Optimism throughout our communities? #4 What's your wish for what your Club could do?

Fred Dorn collected "dime a day" monies. *Every member* of the Beloit Breakfast Club contributes to this fund.

John Litscher invited all clubs to make a \$100 donation to CCC to be presented as one to the Children's hospital. There are rooms that need to be furnished.

Fred Dorn ran the OI Foundation raffle and collected checks.

Ashley, winner of the District CCDHH contest, presented her winning essay. She will be attending St. Norbert College in the fall.

President Don Sievers gave his remarks.

CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls was unanimously approved as Governor-elect, 2009-2010

Optimist Creed was recited.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Bauman, Assistant to the Governor