

The Optimist Club of Birmingham

Board Meeting of August 16, 2018

President Jon Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. Members present were: Leon Evans, Anita Lee, Ruby Peterson, Jon Ryan, Nancy Ryan, and Ron Taylor.

- The minutes for the July 12 meeting were approved as read.
- Correspondence: None.
- The treasurer's report was approved as written, subject to audit. The current balance is \$2,282.11. The Respect for Law project statement was presented. The income was \$500 from Club member donations. Expenses were \$1,469.99. Net expense for the project was \$969.99.
- Officer Reports - None
- Standing Committee reports-
 - Program – August 18 – Zone 1 “Walk for a Cure.” At least 8-10 Club members have already volunteered to work at the OLL Labor Day Festival on September 3. Plan to serve dinner at RMH on September 10 for CCC. No regular Club meetings on August 23 or September 13. September 27 is currently still open as a meeting day.
 - Publicity – Nancy will be interviewed on Talk of Alabama on August 30 re: promoting the Labor Day Festival.
 - Membership – Adrienne Pearson, cousin of Joe Cassell, has been approved for membership pending receiving membership fee from Joe. Possibility of building a Club within a Club with Chandler Champion. Other potential new members: Maria McClain, Sharon Wilson, Sherry Crider, and Elias Hendricks.
 - PG&I – no report
 - Hospitality – no report
- Special Committee reports
 - Teen Summit – Anita Lee, Co-Chair, suggested having fewer & a larger variety of speakers. Roderick Henderson, Sr. with Covenant Services, Inc. donated the laptop for the program, along with \$125 for the purchase of breakfast for everyone. Anita requested to have Mr. Henderson's name in the bulletin, thanking him for his donation.
 - Unfinished Business – Leon spoke with Alicia from Botanical Gardens re: a meeting venue. She offered a meeting room for \$75, which is too expensive for our Club. Ron said that he will go by John's Restaurant to check out the venue. He did go by the Birmingham Public Library and was told there was a \$200 fee for room usage.
 - New Business – Leon suggested that we start inviting Club members to the Board meeting.

Announcements

Next Club Mtgs. – Zone 1 Fun Walk – “Walk for a Cure” @ Railroad Park – Aug. 18

Next Board Mtg. is September 20 at the YWCA, 12 noon.

District Convention – Embassy Suites in Montgomery – August 23rd-26th

The 1st Quarter District Meeting will be held in Tuscaloosa at the Hilton Garden Inn. Michael Holt (BWE) will be Lt. Gov. Zone 1 will be the hosts.

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Nancy Ryan

Birmingham Optimist Youth Foundation

Minutes of the Board Meeting of

August 16, 2018

President Jon Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. Members present were: Leon Evans, Anita Lee, Ruby Peterson, Jon Ryan, Nancy Ryan, and Ron Taylor.

The minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence – None

Treasurer – The Treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit. The current balance is \$9,495.10. Leon reported that he made the required adjustments for income and expenses through the Club and Foundation for the Respect for Law program.

Standing Committees

- *Service projects/fundraisers - New projects under consideration: (1) Purchase with a Purpose – Nancy suggested scheduling it for Sunday, October 28, 1-5, at OLL. (2) "Dress for Success" for boys. Will come up with another name for it. Suggestion was made to hold it on Saturday, January 12. (3) Game Room at Bush Elementary, (4) Children's Aid Society, (5) Lovelady Center, (6) Moody Miracle League. (7) Distribute "baby boxes" for free to help educate parents on the dangers of "co-sleeping" with infants (a service that DHR no longer provides.)*
- *Childhood Cancer Campaign – Dinner was served at Ronald McDonald House on August 8. Plan to schedule another time to serve on September 10. There will be a Zone 1 Walk to benefit both OI CCC & Children's of AL Childhood Cancer Center at Railroad Park on August 18.*

Special Committees –

- *Unfinished Business – An application has been submitted for the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation's "Thanks for Making a Difference" Grant. Kenny Haynes nominated our Foundation to support a project to improve / update Olivia's House playground area. Recipients of the grant will be announced in early September.*
- *New Business – Leon suggested having generic business cards printed up with Club information for members to have on hand including our website and a Club email address. Cost should be around \$10.*
- *Next meeting of the board is September 20 at the YWCA.*
- *The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.*

Nancy Ryan