

**Kentucky-West Virginia Optimist District
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2011
Hampton Inn—Radcliff, Kentucky**

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Judy Zeigler	Governor	Frankfort
Howard Bittner	Governor-Elect	Southgate
Ronnie Dunn	Secretary/Treasurer	Frankfort
Willie Lee, Jr.	Lt. Governor, Zone 1	Radcliff
Mike Rosenstein	Lt. Governor, Zone 2	Frankfort
Wayne Dunn	Lt. Governor, Zone 3	Frankfort
Sandy Ruman	Past Governor	Jeffersontown
Gene Blanchet	Past Governor	Southgate
Mae Knight	Club President	Radcliff
Mike Richardson	Club President	Heartland—Hardin County
Tom Birch	Club President	Charleston West
John Jurkiewicz	Club President	Owensboro
Harold Brussell	Vice President	Bardstown
Marie Gamble	Board Member	Russellville/Logan County
Stuart Maiden	Vice President	Laurel/London

(11 Clubs Represented)

Governor Judy Zeigler called the meeting to order at 9:48 AM. The invocation was offered by Marvin Logsdon of the Radcliff Club, and the pledge to the flag was led by Mae Knight, President of the Radcliff Club.

Governor Judy introduced members of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. She also recognized new members and First Timers.

Vice President Sandy Cyphers installed officers.

Sandy Ruman, District Secretary/Treasurer for 2010-11, distributed copies of minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on August 13, 2011, as well as the 4th Quarter Financial Report. Both documents were approved, and the Financial Report will be submitted for audit.

District Secretary/Treasurer Ronnie Dunn reminded everyone that District policies are posted on the District website and need to be reviewed. Anyone with suggested changes should send them to Governor Judy, who will forward them to members of the Policy Review Committee. She also advised that copies of future minutes and Finance Reports would be included in the District Bulletin and posted on the District website. Only a few copies will be available at District Conferences for those who have no access to a computer/printer. Expense vouchers will be used this year to reimburse District officers for expenses. The form will be available on the District website. Ronnie asked that the vouchers be submitted each quarter.

Finance Committee Chair Mike Richardson presented the proposed budget for 2011-12, noting it cannot be finalized until the final carryover amount from 2010-11 is established. The Finance Committee needs to reconvene when the final figure is known to allocate funds to line items. The Board of Directors passed the recommended budget with the understanding that it will be amended.

The Executive Committee made the recommendation that authorization be given to the Finance Committee to discuss and vote on the budget via email. The Finance Committee would then forward its revised budget via email to the Executive Committee for review and a vote, followed by forwarding their recommendation to the Board via email for a final vote. The vote for this recommendation **PASSED**.

The Executive Committee also approved the new Zone realignment suggested by Governor-Elect Howard Bittner. The Board of Directors voted to **APPROVE**.

Zone 1

BG-Greenwood
BG-Warren East
Owensboro
Princeton
Russellville/Logan Co.

Zone 2

L'ville-Blue Lick
L'ville-Dixie
L'ville-Hikes Point
Fern Creek
Jeffersontown
Louisville
Middletown

Zone 3

Heartland-Hardin Co
Bardstown
Radcliff
Rineyville
Vine Grove

Zone 4

Covington
Newport
Southgate
Laurel-London

Zone 5

Danville
Frankfort
Shelby Co.
Anderson Co.

Zone 6

Ashland
Catlettsburg-Boyd
Morehead
Cannonsburg

Zone 7

Charleston
Huntington
Charleston-West
Jackson Co.
Nicholas Co.
Sissonville

Governor Judy shared thoughts about her passion for making a difference in the lives of kids and emphasized her theme of HOPE and the need to grow the District.

Committee Reports

Membership Chair Mike Richardson reported on the goal for all clubs in the District to be net +1 and the goal that the District grow by 5%

New Club Building Chair Scott Dotson reported on possible sites for new clubs: Henderson, Frankfort, Salyersville, Ekron, Webster County, Madisonville, Cynthia, Scott County, Springfield, West Virginia

Optimist International Foundation Rep Sandy Ruman gave out awards for the 2010-11 year and reviewed the various levels of giving. She used empty paint cans to collect change to "Paint a better future for kids." Clubs are encouraged to join her in this effort. The goal for donations to the Foundation this year is to increase last year's giving by 5%.

Essay Contest Chair Sue Henson reviewed the rules for the contest. This year's topic is "How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community." Essays are due on February 28, 2012. She suggested referring to the event as a scholarship contest instead of an essay contest.

Oratorical Contest Chair Jerry Henson gave the topic "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles." He also suggests referring to the event as a scholarship contest.

PGI Chair Jim Persinger was absent. Governor Judy encouraged everyone to get involved and made PGI Passports available.

Tri-Star Chair Stuart Maiden distributed information about the Tri-Star Basketball contest, which will be held on February 25, 2012, at the Laurel-London gym in London. The information will be posted on the District website. Stuart also stated no date has been selected for the Junior Golf Tournament yet, but it is usually in June after Father's Day.

Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair Rita Wallen was absent, but Governor Judy shared the goal that 50% of clubs in the District promote the program through fundraising or education.

Ron McCracken distributed flyers regarding the 2nd Quarter Conference in Owensboro February 17-19, 2012.

Immediate Past Governor Wayne Dunn announced the following awards for last year:

- for sponsoring 5 new members, an OI sports chair to Roland Williams, Maria Batistoni, Kerianne Kluge, and Mike Littell
- for sponsoring the most members for the year (8), \$300 to Jim Persinger
- for having net growth of at least 10 members, \$300 to the Louisville Club
- for adding the most new members during the first 6 months of the year, \$100 to the Warren East Club.

There are 11 clubs slated for Honor Club: Warren East, Louisville, Jeffersontown, Bardstown, Radcliff, Frankfort, Shelby County, Anderson County, Jackson County, Nicholas County and Sissonville.

Frankfort is also slated for Distinguished Club.

A Builder of Excellence jacket was presented to Clarence Gamble for building the Russellville/ Logan County Optimist Club in September.

Governor Judy recognized Past Governor Wayne Dunn for his leadership during his 2 years as District Governor. She also recognized Ron McCracken for outstanding service. Those who have

sponsored new members were recognized: Marvin Logsdon and Roland Williams. Denise Haynes and the Radcliff Club were shown appreciation for their hard work on the District Conference.

Vice President Sandy Cyphers shared brief comments that focused on growth.

Governor Judy showed a slide show of kids accompanied by music.

Governor-Elect Howard Bittner led in the recitation of the Optimist Creed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dunn
District Secretary/Treasurer