

OPTIMIST CLUB of Seward, Nebraska -- Tuesday, January 17, 2012 -- Seward Country Club at 7:00pm

Members present: Cid Besse, Bob and Lana Urban, Diane Hill, Jim and Lana Daws, Tom and Jeanne Gee, Erich and Joyce Helge, Ken and Linda Flyr, Marc and Marti Guthrie, Tracy Svoboda, Moose and Sue Bernt.

Guests: Governor Dick Raash and Monte Reeves

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Sue and Joyce presented Monte Reeves with a \$500 check to the Seward Parks and Rec for the Youth/Midget Football Program. Joyce introduced Governor Raash to the Club and Sue introduced Monte. Members presented introduced themselves.

Governor Raash – Induction of Club Officers followed by a short speech challenging us to “Dare to Be” and encourages us to share talents and dreams and develop a plan of action for our Club. He closed with asking “What do we dare to be?” Governor Raash invites all to the District Conference in York on February 3 and 4 at York Country Club – 8:30am – 5:30pm.

President, Joyce Helge, called the meeting to order. No additions or correction to the past minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Ken Flyr and seconded by Jim Daws. Motion carried. No additional discussion. Treasurer Report presented by Diane Hill with the club having \$14,053.23. Second quarter dues paid in the amount of \$118.25 and Seward Park and Rec \$500.00. \$250 income from the Pampered Chef fund raiser.

Committee Reports:

Oratorical and Essay – Chairs: Barb Springer and Lana Urban. Clark Kolterman has registration papers and 1-2 possible essays to be judged by his student teachers. Students will present essays at a future Optimist meeting. Chairs will purchase and present the engraved pen and pencil set.

Back Pack Program – Chairs: Cid and Dave Besse. Date: Wednesday, February 1st. This program will serve 53 K-4 students and the Club will again purchase and pack Valentines. Volunteers helping the Besses' for the evening is Mary Kurse, Joyce Helge, Chet and Diane Hill, Jim and Lana Daws.

VFW Hamburger Fry Fund Raiser. Chair: Heather Vanderslice with co-chairs Chet Hill and Joyce Helge. Date: Saturday, April 21st. Will need ALL members to donate several pies or cakes for the event (in disposable containers). Volunteers and helpers needed. Additional information to follow. Estimated income for the evening is \$1,000.

New Business/Up-Coming Projects/Dates to Remember:

2nd Quarter Conference – York Country Club – February 3 and 4

VFW Hamburger Fry – April 21

February Meetings – 2/7 – 6:15pm Board of Directors – Regular Meeting 7pm

February 21st – Regular Meeting 7pm

Optimist and Friends Day at the Races: Chair: Moose and Sue Bernt – Grand Island - March 17th. Dinner at Waco. First 22 RSVP's - \$4 per person/ticket. Post time 1:30pm. RSVP to Moose or Sue Bernt.

Youth Center Event – Chair: Cid Besse. Cid reports the Youth Center has lots of upcoming projects with Daddy/Daughter Banquet being one of the options and is February 17th.

Old Business: Tom Gee and Erich Helge reported on the meeting they had with the Kiwanis Club's potential 5 and 10K race. Members of the Kiwanis Club may attend a future meeting and for further discussion.

Triple N:

NOW dinner this spring

Chair and Co-Chairs Needed:

Freedom Run – co-Chair

Hamburger Fry – Chair for fall event with date to be selected by Chair

Optimist Creed recited and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Bernt