

Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2005

1. Judy Dassow called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
2. Members present: Judy D, Roger, Bob, Tom, John, Karen, Judy S., Nancy, Jim, Dana, Barb
3. February 15 minutes were approved. Motion to approve: Roger. Second, Jim. Minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report: John King. Motion to approve: Tom Second, Barb. Report approved.
 - a. Discussion of dues and membership
 - b. Motion to offer Cece Holder a lifetime membership made by Jim and seconded by Barb. Judy will call and talk with her.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Club Website. Roger, Rich and David met. We reserved a domain name – Mononaoptimists.org. Site will go up under that name shortly. <http://www.mononaoptimists.org/> Check it out! David will teach Rich how to update and maintain. He will work to link to the Optimist International website, Monona Chamber, Police Department for Bike Safety, and add something on new members.
 - b. NOW campaign. This special meeting is proposed for April or May. Jim explained the NOW guidelines from the District. We all ask someone to this meeting. We need to submit names to Judy for a letter of invitation.
6. New Business
 - a. We need a slate of officers for 2006. Bob Maney was suggested as President. He is considering it. Also, need a V.P.
 - b. Contribution Requests.
 - Boys and Girls Club has requested \$1,000. We discussed giving \$500 as we have in the past. Tom moved we do this, seconded by Bob. Approved.
 - Monona Youth Baseball. We do this every year. Last year we gave \$125. Approved.
 - We will be looking at the Monona Grove Youth Center to learn if it serves Cottage Grove youth as well.
 - MGEF Golf Outing. Jim suggested raising the donation from \$100 to \$200. Jim moved that amount, Judy S. seconded. Approved
 - We are discussing a Football Pool with the SWIS District as a fund raiser for fall. Jim will talk to Don Damon.

- Optimists in Action – May 14. A SWIS District promotion. We will consider an article in the Monona Herald about Optimists- promoting Bike Safety, Kidsway. Dana to write something to submit.
- Kidsway/4th of July. Will we do the watermelon stand? DECCA club at MG can help. Sentry will be asked to donate the watermelons (Tom Metcalf). Judy checking with Tim Turino to see if we need a permit.
- Bike Safety – date June 1, 2005
- Easter Egg Hunt – Dream Park, Saturday March 26. Meet at 8:15. Sign up sheet for Thursday, check for Heidi K.
- Northeast Optimists Club will visit us April 7. Jim Morebacker is President and they meet weekly at the Esquire club. They are considering working with us, maybe merging sometime in the future.

Item for next meeting: Dream Park – is our 10 year monetary commitment up?

Motion to Adjourn: Bob. Second Judy S. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next Board Meeting: April 19, 2005