



## LAPEER OPTIMIST CLUB BULLETIN OCTOBER 3, 2017



22 Optimists were in attendance for a hearty breakfast at the local bowling center to witness the first program of the Bond era and first attempt to break the program record of 77 weeks with a program.

Heather Frayer, Executive Director of The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Lapeer County was the program. The CAC is a collaborative program between the county child protection services, law enforcement, medical experts, family advocates and mental health to deal with children that are victims of neglect, physical, sexual and mental abuse.

Since its inception in 2008, CAC has processed over 1200 cases. The average annual case count is approximately 120 per year. Heather outlined how the annual budget of \$294,000.00 is raised and allocated to maintain the center to provide a safe family friendly environment to investigate council and support these children through these traumatic events.

CAC is a sad reality that child abuse exists in our community but we can be very proud of the CAC and its broad collaborative efforts for attempting to handle these delicate matters. I am certain CAC will always have the support of the Lapeer Optimist Club. Thank you Doug Roberts for keeping our eyes open.

Please be aware that one of our former members, Tony Scott lost his father Paul on October 2, 2017, as a result of a motorcycle accident. There will be a memorial gathering will be held from 4-8pm at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer on Monday October 9, 2017. Please visit [www.muirbrotherslapeer.com](http://www.muirbrotherslapeer.com) for the complete obituary.

A full home of thirsty Optimists were in attendance for the inaugural board meeting of Czar Bond anxiously awaiting the horribly rumored decree banning consumption of adult beverages at such gatherings. At 7:12pm, Czar Bond proclaimed that proper boardroom decorum shall omit any beverage that induces mind altering states until such time that decisions of paramount importance have been rendered. At 7:41pm, Czar Bond determined that the required criteria for meaningful progress had been obtained and the ban was recanted for the evening. "Dilly Dilly"

In other board business the topic of the allocating the Sweeney Feral Cat Fund to a memorial project of some type was discussed. The idea of creating a "Lord Sweeney Cup" to be awarded to the annual Guns & Hoses Hockey game winner was suggested. This idea is being explored.

Funding to Young Life organization was defeated. We said no to Davison poker room and yes to Legends poker room for 2018.

Following a 30 minute project committee report by Long John was made to contribute \$40,000.00 to Lapeer Community the K-5 media centers in all elementary schools. This project level appropriate books in a reading enhanced environment be encouraged to obtain higher reading levels in a goal the funding also allocates for the purchase of 10-15 Chrome Books for each media center. Funding concerns were raised by Shaffer asking why were now using chrome to make books when paper seems like a perfectly good material for books.



Elliott, the decision Schools to revamp will place reading where students will oriented setting. The

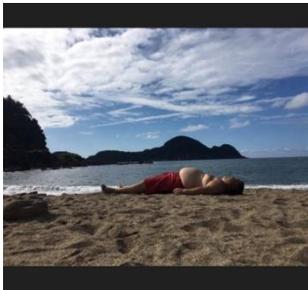
Scramlin is also attempting to receive matching funding from the State of Michigan if we would consider placing one the new media centers in the E.T. White building. I think Nate's reality check bounced!

Also recommended by the project committee and approved at the meeting was a contribution of \$5800.00 to Lapeer Robotics for the purchase of 3 portable robot competition fields. This donation was made based on the understanding that the fields would be available for use by all robotic teams.

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Night Mare on Nepeessing is just days away. Raffle tickets must Saturday to insure success. This is a different customer base raffle ticket sales will be very difficult to sell the night of the contact Tony ASAP with your sales numbers and get all tickets open the doors on Saturday night. Double check your assigned there to help. Tent setup is FRIDAY.



Ron McDougell (as shown on a recent vacation) reports that all should go well if everyone shows and works as requested. The addition of liquor is a huge responsibility to undertake and all eyes will be on Optimists looking for a reason to curtail future liquor inclusive events. Expect a visit by the MLCC to see that we are not serving minors. Every member needs to be mindful of adhering to these strict requirements. Optimists need to succeed to continue to lead!

Tips for the event; IF ATTACKED BY A MOB OF CLOWNS, GO FOR THE JUGGLER.....and HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR A CLOWN, ITS A NICE JESTER.

Program chair Butter tells me that Rutledge will have a program for 10/12 and the program for 10/19 provided by Bill Rykhus will be Jill Lyons from Pix Theater announcing that *Hamilton* is coming to the Pix. Nate will try to top that on 10/26.

Thank you to Tilted Axis for the \$130.00 donation for the use of our fencing and barrels for their October Fest on 10/7. Be sure to thank them with a pint of Optimist Ale.....Master \_\_\_\_\_.