OJSL Board Meeting

August 20,2026

The meeting started at 7:08 pm.

1. President Shobha: New Business was discussed. Several organizational priorities for the upcoming year. Dues clarification, fundraising opportunities, website updates, new procedures for the newsletter, service requirements, committees reported on what their committees are doing.

2. Vice President Margaret: discussed the upcoming bylaw review work for the 26-27 year.

One of the changes is for Article 8: Sec.B No 1

Voted on change in the first line to read:

The annual dues for Actives, Special Actives, Leave of Absences or Nonresident members shall be $75.00 due June 1st. The clarification discussed was intended to confirm that the following member categories are subject to active member dues. The board confirmed that this is not a change in policy, but a clarification.

Sustainers' dues remain $50.00

Active Members dues $75.00

Due date and Late Fee

The board discussed aligning bylaw wording with the website and Blue Book.

Dues are due June 1

A late fee of $10.00 applies after July 1

The motions was made by Pam Graessle and seconded by Carla Castrop to approve the clarification of the dues language.

3. Treasurer Sandy Keating: Provided the financial report and noted no activity since May. If you haven't paid dues. Dues can be paid through PayPal or mail.
Payment tracking is ongoing. Members who are unsure whether dues have been paid may verify with the treasurer.

Community Account:

Balance Reported: $14,541.22

A check for $1000.00 is being prepared for the Sustainers as the customary return of a portion of dues.

Community Trust Account:

A check for $846.34 was issued to Marci for homeless salary expenses.

Balance reported: $2,921.76

Foundation Account:

The summer scholarship payments totaling $3000.00 were paid.

A $200.00 deposit for Hamburger Mary's for the fundraiser on October 17, 2026.

The treasurer had checkbook at the meeting if you needed to be reimbursed

4. Member Care:

Cards were sent to Mari and Cheryl Everhart on behave of OJSL. A report on Pam McNichols a sustainer, that she was hospitalized due to her history with breast cancer. Cards to members will continue to be sent as needed.

5. Admissions: No report currently

6. Blue Book Lainey: reported that the blue book is complete, the appendix is still being finalized. Would like to have pictures taken for the Website.
Suggestions on the photos were: having members submit photos individually. Taking photos at the first general meeting. Using a consistent background and format. Obtaining Some 2025-2026 committee reports remain outstanding. If the reports are not received, then the Appendix will be published without them.

6. Community Partners Update: A report was shared regarding the recent Community Partners meeting with OPS. OJSL was able to share information about the organization's service work and community involvement. The presenter was the University of Kansas Health System, which highlighted hospital services and departmental recognition. OJSL's history and service connection to community health, including the organization's early relationship with hospital support, were noted as important points.

7. Community Needs Ami: No needs Marci and her needs to talk.

8. Fundraising Report Mary & Kim: Kim reported on several upcoming fundraising opportunities.

Chipotle Fundraiser: OJSL will receive 25 % of the sales. A minimum of the sales amount needs to be reached to qualify for the fundraiser.

Date: October 6, 2026

Time: 5:00-9:00 pm

Location: Black Bob and 119th Street

Hamburger Mary's Fundraiser: Is scheduled for

Date: October 17, 2026

Time: 4 pm

Committees will be asked to contribute a gift basket, gift card, with a $25.00 value. Members can also ask for donations from companies or personal contacts.

Transportation options were discussed. Van or bus if enough members are interested in the fundraiser. A volunteer driver has been selected if needed.

Old Settlers Opportunities: Kim discussed a possible fundraiser with Old Settlers. Kim as part of the Old Settlers committee, has access to a free parade entry and may be able to include up to 300 walkers.

OJSL walking entry

T-shirts or coordinated shirts

Recognition of organizations OLSL supports

Community awareness and outreach.

9. Hospitality Report Mary:

The schedule for hospitality:

September: Salad supper

November: Soup supper

February: Trail Mix

April: Salad supper

May 6: OJSL Banquet

A sign-up genius will be used for food contributions. The May 6 meeting location has not been finalized.

10. Marketing: No report was given

11. Newsletter Report Kim: Kim reported on the newsletter process for the year.

Newsletter Email: A email was created, all newsletter communications will come from this account.

OJSL.newsletter@gmail.com

Google Calendar: Will be connected to help members keep track of events, receive reminders tutorials and support documents are being prepared.

Newsletter Timeline:

The newsletter will be sent between the 1st and 5th of each month.

The first issue is scheduled for September 3, 2026.

Committee information should be submitted by the 15th of the month prior.

If information has not been submitted by the 20th, it's assumed that there isn't an update.

The newsletter will be designed to be:

Clear
Concise
Easy to read on phone, tablets, and printed copies
Branded with the OJSL logo and blue color palette
The board discussed the importance of maintaining the OJSL logo and brand identity while keeping the design professional and easy to print.

Member Features: A member feature section is being considered to help members learn more about one another. A short bio form may be available at the first general meeting and online.

12. Nomination: No report was given at this meeting.

13. Parliamentarian: Carla reminded everyone that small groups cannot make decisions. It needs to be voted on.

14. Placement: No report was given at this meeting. The board discussed the importance of communicating early if a member is not fulfilling their commitment. Active member expectations were discussed.
They are: Attending two general meetings.
Attending a January Coffee.
Participating in a fundraiser event.
Completing one service project.
There was discussion about clarification on what qualifies as a fundraiser participation, since currently there are several smaller fundraisers, instead of one larger fundraiser.

15. Provisional Report: They have had one meeting. There are currently five provisionals, maybe six. They are discussing service projects that are meaningful to them.

16. Social Committee: Cristian reported that participation in smaller events was not very well attended. The only two that were highly attended were Quaint, and the wine tasting at Marco Polo.

17. Hospice House: Mary reported that the members on that committee should have received the calendar of when they are to take items to Hospice House.

18. Scholarship: Noting to report at this meeting.

19. Starfish: Everyone in attendance at this meeting was glad that the location for Starfish was approved.
Members recently visited the new location and helped organize items. It was described as large, well organized, and full of possibilities for future volunteer opportunities.
There was discussion about possible OJSL support:
Creating or sharing an Amazon wish list.
Helping immediate food needs.
Sharing Sign Up Genius volunteer links.
Using OJSL newsletter and website to communicate Starfish needs.
Assisting with marketing or communications as requested.
The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month. From 5:30 – 7:00 pm

20.Sustainers Report: Nan approved the sustainers report.

A thank you letter was received from Susan G. Komen in appreciation of a $50.00 donation made in memory of Judy Bradton on March 27, 2026. The letter acknowledged OJSL'S gift and its support of breast cancer research and community needs, this was also shared with Judy's family.

21. Daytime Bingo: Maureen reported that daytime bingo goes year-round.
They meet on the third Monday of each month.
At 2:00 pm
This is a small committee and if you are interested, they are always welcoming additional volunteers.

22. Evening Bingo: Sandy reported that evening bingo goes year-round.
They meet on the second Monday of the month.
At 6:15 pm.

23. Crafters Committee: Pam reported that they have a strong participation, with approximately 20 members.
Committee Works:
The committee continues to make blankets.
They meet throughout the year.
Some members complete the projects at home.
They may consider making pillows if there is a need for them.

University of Kansas Hospice House: Has indicated that there is a significant need for pillows. The committee will gather more information and determine if making pillows can be added to the current projects.
Projected meeting months:
September
November
Late January
Late March or April

24. Cyclone Clothing Closet Daytime: Margaret reported that the committee held its first sorting day. They meet on the second Monday of each month.

25. Cyclone Clothing Closet Evening: Patty reported that the sale opens the following Tuesday for the first time this year.

26. Garage Sale Roundup: No report was given at this meeting.

27. Homeless Outreach: OJSL supported approximately 150 families at the back-to-school event. These items were provided: Large containers of Lysol wipes.
Laundry pods
Other household items.
The event was greatly appreciated by families, and it was very meaningful.
Budget: Approximate budget: $1000.00
Approximate amount spent: $860.00
Remaining funds may be used for gift cards or additional needs in coordination with Heather.
Gifts cards: The committee discussed continuing support for unaccompanied homeless youth through gift cards, including birthday support and practical needs such as food or convenience store cards.

28. Scholarship: No report was given at this meeting.

29. Women Giving Purple Proposal: Shobha presented to the board the proposal to sponsor or support a future Women Giving Purple event through the Olathe Public Schools Foundation. This is a giving circle fundraiser through the Olathe Public Schools Foundation. Participants contribute funds, hear grand presentations from educators, vote, and award grant funding to selected projects. The board discussed the opportunity for OJSL to sponsor a future event.

Benefits Discussed in sponsoring the event could:

Increase awareness of OJSL in the community
Highlight OJSL's long history of service
Connect OJSL with community leaders, educators, and donors Support Olathe students and teachers.
Create visibility that may lead to future membership growth and community partnerships.

The sustainers voted to contribute $1000.00 toward the effort. The estimated cost is approximately $4500.00, though prior event experience suggested the actual cost could be significantly lower with donations and support.

Potential needs: The event may require:
Food or hors d'oeuvres
Beverages
Party favors
Decorations
Committee volunteers
Donations

Sponsorship support
Event planning and coordination

Ideas Discussed: Possible ways to reduce expenses or for OJSL to be highlighted.

Securing donated food from a restaurant or caterer.
Providing charcuteries or light appetizers.
Using OJSL cookbooks at table decorations or giveaways.
Creating small boxes of OJSL fudge as favors.
Raffling gift blankets or baskets.
Asking committee to contribute to baskets.
Using the event to share OJSL history and service impact.