

Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston
Minutes of Meeting
November 29, 2012

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

Sarah led us in prayer and Betty Gower led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Sarah and Y Villarreal
Russell Shrader	Fay and Jack Hopkins
Barbara Brice	Dean Wilson
Jack Kellmann	Thomas Carlucci
Letty Dietes	Becky Kuykendall
Betty Gower	Rick Coleman
Ed Parnell	

There were no November birthdays to announce.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Y moved they be approved and Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes stand approved, as read.

Letty gave a report on the Christmas party. She announced that we have 99 patients on the RSVP list. This is more than previously anticipated so adjustments will be made. We discussed the schedule to be followed at the party and everyone's assignments. We anticipate everything to run smoothly.

Thomas gave a report on the speakers he has contacted for future meetings. Jack Fishman, CEO of the San Antonio Symphony, was scheduled to speak on December 15th. He has since resigned and Thomas is waiting to see if they can provide a replacement for him. The Institute of Texan Cultures is willing to send a speaker at the end of January or February.

Thomas has worked very hard to get good speakers but needs more suggestions for them. If anyone has a suggestion for a speaker, please contact him or Rick.

Ed, Becky, and Rick provided humor.

Thomas introduced our guest speaker, Andrea Hofstetter from SAM Ministries. She gave a very informative talk about what this ministry does for the homeless population in San Antonio. They don't just service the chronic homeless but also work to prevent homelessness. They help people/families get back on their feet with classes and transitional homes. They accept donations of gently used clothing, furniture, appliances, and household items to help people get set up in a home. Their new location is the new Haven for Hope.

Ed Parnell won the kitty of \$17.00.

Following the Optimist Creed, the meeting adjourned at 12:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Kuykendall

Reminder: There will be a meeting next week, as well as the bagging party at Becky's at 6:30 in the evening. Her address is: 4339 Las Cruces, 78233. Everyone is welcome to come eat, drink, and stuff gift bags for the Christmas party.