

Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston
Minutes of Meeting
July 19, 2012

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order before leading us in prayer. Jack Kellmann led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Rick Coleman	Russell Shrader
Dean Wilson	Ed Parnell
Bob Hogue	Becky Kuykendall
Jack Kellmann	

Guests were introduced:

Valley Hi Optimist President, Jack Blackwell
Guest Speaker, Caryl Hill, former director of the USO

John Urda's July birthday was acknowledged.

The minutes were read and approved unanimously.

Kelsey Bates' Essay Contest Award:

Rick sent a letter of invitation to Kelsey and her mother to attend our meeting on August 2. At that time we will present her with a trophy for her efforts. The club members are asked to dress less casual, as this is an important occasion for Kelsey. (Rick has taken on the job of fashion critique for the meeting).

Russell read a thank-you note from Michelle Myles, thanking the club for the donation to Sippel Elementary. The donation of \$100 was given toward the "Leader In Me" initiative at the school. It allows the school to purchase signs to line the halls and encourage students to become leaders.

Golf Tournament:

Letty Dietes was able to get a donation from her employer, Ernst and Young, of tickets to a Ramage Hockey game. Way to go, Letty!!!

Ed showed a preview of the brochure we plan to give sponsors of the golf tournament. He and John Urda have done a great job preparing them!

John Blackwell brought up that he would like to start a Zone Project with several of the local clubs. H would like to do something for the children of St. Peter's/St. Joseph's Children's Home. He's looking for a date in early October and would like us to join them.

Installation Banquet and Award's Committee:
Dean has checked with Tim to set a date for the banquet.

Ed, John Blackwell, and Bob Hogue shared humor.

Ed introduced Caryl Hill, our guest speaker. Caryl gave an interesting talk about the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, of which she is a part of. They help soldiers on resumes, job searches, ect, when they return from war. She encouraged all of us to become a part of this important organization.

John Blackwell expressed appreciation to Dean for helping him learn about and become Lt. Govn of our district.

Russell's name was drawn for the kitty. (\$8.00!!)

Following the Optimist Creed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Kuykendall