

# **Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**September 13, 2012**

In the absence of our fearless leader Rick Coleman, Vice President Dean Wilson called the meeting to order promptly at 12 Noon. Sarah prayed and Betty pledged.

The following members were present:

Sarah & Y Villarreal

Fay & Jack Hopkins

Pam & Ed Parnell

Jack Kellman

Betty Gower

Barbara Brice

Russell Schrader

Ed Parnell introduced his guest Thomas Carlucchi, a former Optimist from California looking for an Optimist Club to join. Dean immediately handed him an application and invited him to join our club. Thomas filled it out and returned it to Dean later in the meeting.

Russell Schrader announced that we have 43 confirmed attendees for the installation banquet. Dean stated that we needed the final count by Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. The menu has been set and Ed and John Urda are working on an AV presentation for the event.

Instead of humor, Ed Parnell passed out words of wisdom for the day. It seemed to come out the same as humor.

Jack Kellman filled in for Bob Hogue as Sargent at Arms. He not only collected the regular fines, but invoked club rules and fined anyone who did not have their name badge on. There were several that had to pay up.

Dean turned the floor over to Jack Hopkins and he informed the members of the progress on the 501C3. He has reserved the name for the new corporation. Next he will be finishing up the paper work and Bylaws for the new corporation to present to the Board of Directors in October.

He informed everyone that final filing and review by IRS could take about 270 days.

He then stated that the next step would be to form a fundraising committee just for this project to raise the funds that it will cost to implement the actual filing of the 501C3. He appointed Ed Parnell as the Chairperson for this committee and I think Ed accepted under duress. Dean reminded us that everyone should be involved with the fundraising for this cause. Ed did say that he had an idea for the first fundraising project, but refused to let anyone in on it. I think we may have a very big surprise coming. Y Villarreal volunteered to help Ed with the project.

Russell queried Ed about his fundraising ideas but Ed would not relinquish his idea. Others began tossing around ideas about fundraising.

Since Jack Kellman had collected so much money in fines from members not wearing name badges to phones ringing, Jack Hopkins suggested that we not remind anyone to turn their phones off during the meeting and let Jack Kellman fine everyone and this would be the fundraiser for the 501C3 project.

Our newest member Thomas Carlucci enlightened us on different fundraisers his club in CA put on. Thomas then volunteered to be the next Program Chairperson for the club in the new year.

Jack Kellman informed us he has secured the Santa for the Christmas Party.

Thomas Carlucci drew the winning ticket and Jack Kellman won \$11.00.

Dean reminded everyone of the importance of always carrying an Optimist new member application with you.

Dean Wilson led us in the Optimist Creed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

A good time was had by all.

Respectfully recorded and submitted

For the Honorable Becky Kuykendall,

Fay Hopkins