

**OPTIMIST CLUB of FORT SAM HOUSTON**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 05, 2013**

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.  
The following Board members and Club Members were present:

Russell Shrader	Jack & Fay Hopkins
Dean Wilson	Y & Sarah Villarreal
Letty Dietes	Dean Wilson
Jack Kellmann	Rick Coleman

Treasurer Russell Shrader opened the meeting with the October 2013 – 14 Financial Report, showing a Beginning Balance of \$17,042.23 and an Ending Balance of \$17,579.30. We are starting out the new fiscal year on a positive financial note

In response to President Rick's request for a volunteer to accept the office of Treasurer giving Russell, who has been doing a terrific job a rest, the board recommended and Ray Holmes has accepted the office of Treasurer for the newly approved 501(c)(3) Ft Sam Optimist Youth Foundation. Russell in turn agreed to stay on as Treasurer of the club. Because the club and the foundation must maintain separate financial accounts this arrangement meets IRS guidelines.

Rick received the contract for the Children's Film Festival Fundraiser program with Garbarino & Taylor of Texas Inc with show time most likely on a Saturday morning at the end of February depending on theater availability. The club can request up to 250 tickets to sell and keep 100% of the proceeds of said number of tickets and receive a minimum guarantee to the club of \$1500 net profit from the company. Rick will sign the contract, send it off and push the company to get the tickets out to the club as soon as possible as the tickets will make great gifts or stocking-stuffers for Christmas and items for SAMMC Christmas Party door prizes.

Jack Hopkins made a motion to approve signing of the contract, Jack Kellmann seconded and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Letty Dietes gave an update on what the Christmas Party committee has established in conjunction with staff at SAMMC in regards to a new profile for the Christmas Party. The unit has opted for an open house format; no specific timelines; come and go as you please and what not to have on the menu that can adversely compromise delicate immune systems. The party place is Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Grand Ballroom. The time is Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 12noon to 3pm. The balloon twisters; face painters and Santa are all on board and will be there from 12pm to 2:30pm. The families will have a flyer to check on times for certain events that they wish to attend. There will be gift bags for all patients and their siblings; SAMMC Staff will provide gifts for their families and some lucky kids will be awarded door prizes.

Rick received the annual donation to the Christmas Party from the Windcrest club unfortunately they won't be able to participate in the program in the future. FSHOC is still hopeful that we can persuade some of their members to transfer to our club.

Rick related that he needed help getting out thank you letters to those who made donations to Letty's mother's request that in lieu of flowers donations be made in her name to the club. He also needs help in getting letters out to Hole Sponsors who made donations to the golf tournament. Letty and Russell volunteered to work on a spreadsheet of names and addresses to expedite both projects. Dean will photograph the Sponsor placards that identified each donor and graced their respective tee.

Fay Hopkins wrapped up the meeting with the announcement that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November she and Jack will be going to Fresno, TX to bring in that new club made up of ex-members of a Junior Chamber of Commerce Club that turned senior and still want to be involved in community programs and projects. We will co-sponsor this new club with the Conroe Club. In order to become a sponsoring club some member of that club must mentor the new club. Governor – Elect, Irvin Williams who lives in Fresno and is a member of several Optimist Clubs in the Houston area will also become a member of our club. That being, we will have a mentor in place. We thank Governor-Elect Williams for his generosity in making this all happen. His membership will allow the club to become an Honor Club and with the new club up and running, we will reach Distinguished Club status for 2013-14. In response to the endeavors of the Governor-Elect, Dean made a motion to have the club absorb his initial membership fee and pro-rated dues for the year, Sarah V. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The December 5<sup>th</sup> Evening Social at Blanco BBQ has been bumped back to December 4<sup>th</sup> due to a previous booking. Check your past minutes...updates and directions up-coming.

With this last item President Rick Coleman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Secretary 2013-14