

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON
NOON MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2014

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Russell Shrader	Dean Wilson
Ed & Pam Parnell	Jack & Fay Hopkins	Rick Coleman
Betty Gower	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal	Ray Holmes
Jack Kellmann		

Sarah led us in prayer and Ray led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's Guest: None

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January Birthdays:

Betty Gower – 26th (*confirmed*)
John Rosenwald – 30th

Secretary Dean Wilson read the minutes from the January, 2014 9th Noon Meeting.
There was no motion voiced that the minutes be approved. That motion will be addressed at the January 23rd Noon Meeting.

At this time, President Coleman asked to let the record to reflect that "Y" entered the proceedings with a tray of food. Consequently he was not fined for his actions.

Humor was provided by: SGT-AT-ARMS Bob Hogue, followed by his collection of fines.

Rick presented an anonymously donated \$98.00, 10 pound box of, SEE'S (*brand name*) assorted candies specifically earmarked for the FT Sam Optimist Youth Foundation to [Foundation Treasurer Ray Holmes to pass on to the Wounded Warriors or the Intrepid Fischer House Organizations.](#)

Ray agreed to have a photo taken with the recipient/s upon presenting the donation. The photo will be posted to the club website and also to be entered into the 2013 - 14 Club Scrapbook.

Unfortunately due to seasonal illness, Jerry Davis one of the producers of the Children's Film Festival could not be today's Guest Speaker. Rick will attempt to schedule him for a later date.

Rick will meet Jerry later in the day. At which time Rick will receive from him \$3000.00 part of which will go to the club.

Rick still has \$10.00 tickets for the event scheduled for February 22nd. Please remember **all revenue from these particular tickets the club keeps 100%.**

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Ray Holmes daughter who works at KENS Radio/TV station will put the club in contact with the Public Service Representative in charge of announcements have the Children's Film Festival presented over the air.

Before commenting on *FSOYF updates, Foundation President Jack Hopkins brought up that the awards for Optimist year ending September 2012-13 were announced on January 15th and our **OCFSH made Honor Club again. President Coleman will also be honor President again and the awards will be presented at the 2nd Quarter District Conference, February 7-9th in Houston. It's possible that Rick and Kimberly can make it to the conference. If no local members of our club can make the meeting, we will ask District President-Elect and OCFSH member Irvin Williams to accept on behalf of President Coleman and the club.

Continuing on with Foundation updates, Foundation President Hopkins spoke on the proceedings of the January 14th Executive Committee Meeting. We have so far collected \$138.00. Film ticket sales have brought in \$130.00, plus \$8.00 in anonymous donations. Topics discussed were goals of the Foundation, having in place programs and goals to present to prospective donors that will explain what we propose to specifically use their donations for. Jack related that we need the co-operation of the entire membership to come up programs and goals that will be good for us to pursue. Contact managers of your local HEB; Walmart; AT&T; USAA; etc. and/or establishments you do business with.

The committee discussed a website for the Foundation. What is needed is a URL a Uniform Reference Indicator. Basically a name for the website that you to type into your web browser and that takes you to that site. This is another task that club members are asked to think about and to submit any ideas you may have to Jack.

Fay added we need to think about something that lets outsiders; donors; prospective members know who we are and what we do.

The club trifold brochure has had its first update to reflect our involvement and support of the foundation. Jack and Ed Parnell are in concert on this project and will give updates as they are implemented. The brochure is very important to have with you, along with your copy of the 501(c) (3) tax-exempt approval when you meet with prospective donors. During this upcoming tax season, Rick will have brochures on hand in his office for his clients as they pass through his office.

Ray Holmes has put together a contest to involve the entire membership in the design of a logo for the Ft Sam Optimist Youth Foundation. The winning logo submitter will receive a certificate and a \$25.00 donation in their name to the Foundation.

Copy of contest rules will be sent to the membership by Ray and I will send a copy along with this email.

President Rick has already submitted a drawing of a "coffer" - (a small treasure chest).

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Another item brought up was the fact that as with the Christmas Party non-members coming into the party vicinity have asked what is going on and who is it for. At least one person asking and learning what was happening remarked "Keep Up the Good Work". So the club needs to have a banner; small marquee or sign to let people outside the club know who we are; what we are doing and who we are doing it for.

With all the discussion of the foundation, Sarah made a donation of \$5.00 in "Y"s name to the Foundation. It was received with honor. The little donations add up in the long run, Thanks Sarah & "Y".

Jack will meet with Rick to formulate a budget for the Foundation to be approved by the Executive Committee and in turn passed on to Treasurer Ray Holmes.

Rick suggested that at the February 4th OCFSH Board Meeting the 505(c) (4) club come up with a dollar amount for a grant to fund the 501(c) (3) Foundation. He wants all members to think about what it would take to fund the foundation at this time.

Ricks humorous brain cells kicked in at this time and he presented the assembly with another one of his anecdotes.

Ray Holmes drew Russell Shrader's ticket number and Russell when home \$11.25 richer. A second drawing was held and "Y" (*thinking he was getting big bucks also*) was the recipient of a wonderful Optimist writing device with a little flash light on one end.

So with all being said and all being done, Rick led us in the recital of the Creed.

Immediately following, the bell was struck to adjournment at 12:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14

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