

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON  
NOON MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 11:52pm.

The following members were present:

Russell Shrader	Bob Hogue	Dean Wilson
Rick Coleman	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal	Pam Parnell
Betty Gower	Jack Kellmann	

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

Guests: none

Special Guest Speaker:

Paul Wittmaier – Agent with State Farm Insurance Company

February Birthdays:

Jack Kellmann – 11th

Letty Dietes – 16th

Tracy Chavis – 18th

Ysidro Villarreal – 18th (also "Y" & Sarah's Wedding Anniversary)

Due to inclement weather the February 06, 2014 Noon Business Meeting was postponed.

Pres. Coleman opened the meeting with some announcements:

- 1) The \*Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston tax return for the fiscal ending September 30th 2013 has been filed. He also received an email from Ft Sam Optimist Youth Foundation Pres. Jack Hopkins stating that the tax return for the Foundation ending December 31st 2013 has also been filed. So at this time both organizations are tax compliant.
- 2) The reason Jack and Fay Hopkins are not present today. Yesterday, Wednesday February 12th, they traveled to the Houston area where Fay set up a seminar to train the members of our new club, The East Bend County Optimist Club, the procedures of running and maintaining an optimist club. Twenty-five (25) of the twenty-nine (29) members have worked together for years performing community service.
- 3) At the Tuesday February \*\*\*FSOYF Executive Committee Meeting the main topic discussed was developing a program for the OCFSH involving

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a sub-committee that highlights how to research programs and projects; how to fund them and the programs we already have in place. Once we get that program and a budget set up, we will ask the Foundation for a grant to fund these programs. So we are now looking for club members to serve on the sub-committee. The OCFSH will submit programs and the Foundation will evaluate to fund or not to fund the programs.

- 4) Jack Hopkins sent an email to Ron Graves Past President of O. I. Foundation requesting assistance in the type of program stated in the above.
- 5) Jack received a reply back from Ron congratulating our club on the Foundation 501(c) (3) status approval and stating he would be more than willing to assist in any way possible.

As Sgt-at-Arms Bob Hogue, recently back from the warm sun of Hawaii, collected fines and Dean was about to present humor evaluated and approved by Pres. Coleman, it is so noted that Betty Gower entered the meeting, but because the meeting started early she was not fined.

At this time Pres. Coleman introduced our guest speaker for the day, Paul Wittmaier, an Ex-Friend of Optimism recruited by Ed Parnell. Paul has served as an Agent and as a Corporate Agency Manager with State Farm Insurance for fifteen years and has an extensive background in insurance.

Paul touched on a number of topics like insurance being risk management, how much risk do you want to take with your life and your future; the importance of home owners insurance and health care. Paul related the importance of making sure you have an insurance agent that can clearly and knowledgeably answer any questions you have about your homeowners' insurance coverage.

He spoke on the importance of starting at young age thinking about what type of health care one will need throughout their life and especially when they get older have a need for long time care.

If you were able to and were not at this meeting you missed one of the most enlightening presentations of insurance, by a most knowledgeable presenter, that you will ever hear.

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All assembled were pleased and spoke with Paul a short while after the meeting.

Ed Parnell has said he is working on getting Paul reinstated back into the club.

Paul will leave business cards with Ed as today he was driving his son's car while his is in the shop.

In the interim, if you wish to consult with Paul on insurance matters you can reach him at:

Phone – 210.493.3577

Office – 15714 Heubner Bldg. 02

(Between Bitters and NW Military)

At this time the President called upon Mr. Wittmaier to draw the winning ticket for the "Kitty" and "Y" won \$8.00.

All said and all done, Betty Gower led us in the creed and the bell was struck to adjournment at 1:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Club Secretary 2013-14

\*OCFSH – \*\*Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston

**Attn:**

**For all intent and purpose, in this and all future meeting minutes, the words FSOYF and Foundation used will depict FT Sam Optimist Youth Foundation**