

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 09, 2014

**President Fay Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.**

**The following members were present:**

Bob Hogue     Dean Wilson   Ed & Pam Parnell  
Jack & Fay Hopkins     Sarah & "Y" Villarreal

**Executive Officers absent with leave:**

Treasurer – Russell Shrader  
Vice-President – Rick Coleman

**Invocation**.....Led by Sarah Villarreal

**Pledge of Allegiance**.....Led by Dean Wilson

**October Birthdays:**

Dean Wilson – 8th  
Irvin Williams – 18th

**Business/Noon Meeting Minutes:**

The October 07, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were not read. At the time the minutes of the October 09, 2014 Noon Business Meeting Minutes are presented and read , all Club members will have received an emailed copy of the October 07, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.

Sec. Wilson was called on and read the October 02, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes.

Pres. Hopkins called for and received a motion to approve said minutes from Bob Hogue and with a second by Jack Hopkins, the motion was approved by acclamation.

At this time in the proceedings and at the request of Ed Parnell, Lt. Colonel – (Ret.) Tracy Chavis club member and Commander of the Jefferson High School Jr. ROTC Unit, along with two (2) of his charges entered the meeting for a short time due to a prior commitment. Pres. Hopkins announced that the Club was interested in starting a scholarship program and would like to have Jefferson Jr. ROTC as its initial participant.

Tracy remarked that at present he has three (3) seniors in his unit that are seriously committed to furthering their education at a Texas State University.

The Club will meet with Tracy at the October 16, 2014 Noon Meeting for further discussion.

**Special Guest Speaker:**

Ed announced him and Pam's adoption of "Bubba" four and a half (4-1/2) pounds of mixed-Fox Terrier puppy energy that never stops moving; eating and when he does stop... *"Oh well you know what puppies do the most!!!"*

Ed shared his experiences participating four (4) times in a "Sleep Study Program" at Wilford Hall for people with sleep-disorder problems. In the study the patient is connected to a monitoring system that records how a person's body functions during different stages of sleep during the night.

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Ed also related that he has 2015-15 Club dues payment from Club member John Urda and has commitments from former Club members Marcus Williams, Jayme Gill and former Friend of Optimists Paul Wittmaier to rejoin the Club as a "Friend of Optimists".

**Humor** was provided by Jack Hopkins

**Fines** were collected by Sgt-At- Arms Bob Hogue

### **Announcements:**

Pres. Hopkin announced that the Christmas Party will be held on December 13, 2014 instead of December 21st as was previously announced.... details to follow.

At the October 07, 2014 Board Meeting a budget for 2014-15 was voted on and approved. Programs put into the new budget that the Foundation will be asked to support include the annual Christmas Party; Bicycle Safety – the first Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – 7:30 AM, at Eldorado Elementary School and a \$2500 Scholarship Program with a committee Chaired by Vice-Pres. Rick Coleman and committee-persons Letty Dietes and Betty Gower. This committee will draw up the application form and develop guidelines and set standards necessary for students to apply for scholarships.

Pres. Hopkins has asked that the results of the Scholarship Committee be made available to the Club and to the Foundation by December 31, 2014.

The budget also includes funding for The Gold Program; a donation to O. I. Foundation and a miscellaneous amount for other small projects that may come along during the year.

Our sister club – Fort Bend County Optimist Club is sending ten (10) club members to the October 24-26, 2014 District Conference in Laredo, TX and they will be sponsoring a new club in Laredo.

**Drawing**.....Ed Parnell

**Optimist Creed**....With all said and all done, Pres. Hopkins led the assembly in the Optimist Creed after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 12:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Club Secretary – 2013-14