

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, by club President Lion Coco Houghtaling at Buhrig's Gathering Place with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion John Anthony

Song: Lion Ted Cramer

Lions Toast: Lion Linda Willis

Prayer: Lion Mike Fenicle

Lucky Lion: Lion Mike Clark (Absent)

Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Gretchen Lee

Attendance

Guests: 8

Members: 45

Percentage: 50%

(Active Membership)

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling welcomed everyone with an early start at 6:25 to accommodate our Special Guest Speakers Lion John Anthony, Mayor of Mechanicsburg & Kimberly Turner the immediate past president of the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership. Kimberly thanked the Lions for distributing the special \$10 coupons to those in need in Mechanicsburg & promised to give all Lions one too. These can be used at 22 different businesses in town to help promote the local economy. Lion/Mayor John was happy to announce that his appearance at tonight's meeting was his first as Mayor of Mechanicsburg.

President Coco introduced our guests & their hosts:

Shelly Bitting & Joel Wierman

Karen & Don Graewe

Lynn Hochstetler

Mary Brillhart

Guests of Lion Stacy Kyle

Guests of Lions John & Kathy Burkhardt

Guest of Lion Duke Brenneman

Guest of Lion June Fry

Lion Ted read thank you letters from One80 Ministries, Vision Resources, Everstand & Operation Wildcat for our donations & support.

MSP to approve the minutes from 12/16/25 & 1/6/26 meetings as posted by Lion Ted Cramer:

Brenneman/M. Fenicle

MSP to approve the Treasurer's reports from November & December 2025 as posted by Lion Bob Dippel:

Freed/K. Heimbach

MSP to donate a \$100 Memorial Brick at Beacon Lodge Camp for former Lion Jake Anderson:

Harriman/K. Heimbach

President Coco announced that Lion Jake's Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026, followed by a Celebration of Life service at Malpezzi Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg

Lion Ted read our State of the Club Report for the 1st half of our current Lion Year:

State of the Club Report (July 1-Dec. 31, 2025)

Current Membership: 95 members (+9 since 12/31/24)

9 Meetings: Average Meeting attendance: 59 (+7.22)

77 Lions participated in Service events (+9)

64 (+1) total Service Activities=3,260 Service Hours

Raised \$15,923 through fundraising (+\$3,165)

Still have \$16,815 in charity account to be donated later

Donated 5,933 (+2720) pair of eyeglasses for recycling

Completed 639 Vision Screenings

Lion Ted announced that he sent in the Lions State Convention Ad & payment.

Lion Larry Christine shared the New Club Web Site committee's update sharing the following information regarding costs to our Administration fund with some good discussion:

"The committee looked at 4 viable Web Site Hosting sites that have similar capabilities at varying pricing structures. We feel one of the sites gives us the best cost-effective option with pricing of around \$143.52 for 4 years and then \$16.95 per month after 4 years.

We also have a Domain name for our site. The one that seems most appropriate is

"LionsClubofMechanicsburgPA.org & quote;. and by going with choice, we will get the 1st year free and after the 1st year the cost would be \$15.99 per month."

MSP to approve the Web Site Committee's recommendations to develop our new club website using the guidelines provided: T. Hartzell/D. Hartzell

MSP to approve Lions Coco Houghtaling & Patti Clark as our official delegates at the Lions State Convention being held in Indiana PA in May: T. Hartzell/L. Christine

After a short discussion it has been determined that Sunshine Committee Chair Lion Deb Zezeski should stop mailing the anniversary cards to all members but continue to send Get Well & Sympathy cards using funds from the Administration account.

MSP to accept Membership Applications as listed below: T. Cramer/Dippel

Don Graewe, Sponsored by Lion John Burkhart

Karen Graewe, Sponsored by Lion Kathy Burkhart

Lynn Hochstetler, Sponsored by Lion Duke Brenneman

Brian MacPhearson, Sponsored by Lion Ted Cramer

Lions Mike & Linda Fenicle reported that they have collected 1,910 Glasses for Recycling & 1 Hearing Aid

Lion Stacy Kyle, Chair of Marketing & Public Relations reported that she is up to date regarding reports to District 14C and is ready to report the Golf Tournament & other Club events to the Chamber of Commerce

Lion Ted Cramer encouraged members to invite guests to help with our service to the community.

Lion Karen McKendry reported that we received a \$712.95 check for our service at the York Fair last summer. She also thanked all Lions who helped with the Jared Box Project.

She is starting to take volunteers for the annual Beacon Lodge Cleanup in April.

Lion Karen has taken responsibility for signing up New Hope Ministries volunteers & recording service hours.

Lion Vicki Alfieri reported that we had 14 volunteers at Mission Central and is signing up volunteers for our next visit on March 3rd. The Operation Wildcat's Project Clothing & Project Underwear and socks will begin soon-she will share details with everyone.

President Coco reminded everyone to save their used Prescription bottles & bring them to future meetings. District 14C is collecting them for use in 3rd World countries.

Lion Diane Hartzell reminded everyone that she will continue taking orders for Lions shirts at our next meeting. Check with her for appropriate styles & sizes.

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Secretary: Lion Ted Cramer