

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, February 17, 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 Courtney Hickman

Song: Lion Ted Cramer

Lions Toast: Lion Mike Caravello

Prayer: Lion Lynn Hochstetler

Lucky Lion: Lion Mike Clark (Absent)

Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Mark O'Keefe

Attendance

Guests:

Members: 40

Percentage: 44.44%

(Active Membership)

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling welcomed everyone and asked Lion Ted Cramer to introduce our newest member.

Lion Ted introduced Lion Brian MacPherson who was a very active Lion in Texas before moving to our area. Thanks to Lion Steve Harriman for being his host tonight.

MSP to approve the minutes from 1/20/26 & 2/3/26 as posted by Lion Ted Cramer: Woodward/Hilinski

MSP to Approve the Treasurer's Reports from January as posted by Lion Bob Dippel: Woodward/J. Burkhart

2nd VP Steve Harriman presented the 2024-2025 Treasurer's Audit Report and thanked Lions Jeff Woodward, Gretchen Snyder & Lee Snyder for helping. He also thanked Lion Bob Dippel for answering some questions. MSP to accept the 2024-25 Treasurer's Audit report: Robinson/T. Hartzell

Lion Ted announced that our Summer Meeting Schedule will be on July 14 & August 11. 1st VP Patti Clark has agreed to these dates & Buhrig's Gathering Place also approved.

Lion Ted reported that members Mike & Priscilla Walters have dropped their membership due to health & social reasons. We now have 96 members.

Lion Karen McKendry has been working with a local resident & her doctor to get a grant for hearing aids from the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation.

MSP to give our club's support for a grant from the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation for hearing aids for a local resident at no cost to our club: T. Cramer/F. Luciani

MSP to Donate \$400 to the Zone 1-B project for Fence repairs at Beacon Lodge, which will be taken from the extra funds raised at Boscov's: Harriman/T. Hartzell

Lion Ted sent information to all board members regarding a fundraising project at AdaptX, a local nonprofit that donates sports equipment to handicapped children. After a brief discussion, Lion Rachel Milbrand agreed to take the lead to investigate the organization & make suggestions for further action in the future.

Club President Coco Houghtaling:

Thanked Lion Ruth Romako for taking the lead on the Jared Box project & also all Lion volunteers

Reported that we have collected a total of 1300+ medicine bottles to help in 3rd world countries

Help is needed to organize our Club's summer picnic – just contact her or Lion Patti Clark

Reviewed the Nomination of Officer's procedure & announced that nominations from the floor will only be accepted at our March 3rd meeting.

Election of Officers will take place on April 7th.

Any Lions who received the "Mechanicsburg Money" should spend it by February 28th

There are openings for delegates at the PA State Lions Convention & the District 14-C Conventions for anyone who would like to participate – Just contact President Coco or Lion Ted
The Camp Hill Lions Club will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on February 28th. Lion Ted will send info to all members.

Lion Vicki Alfieri:

Thanked all Jared Box volunteers. We will donate 49 decorated boxes to the local Children's Hospital
Announced a new Operation Wildcat event: Warehouse Project – sorting pots & pans on March 21 from 1:00-3:00. She will send a message to everyone with more details.

More volunteers needed for the Wine Glass Painting to help Mechanicsburg Arts & Wine Walk: 2/19/26 from 6-8 PM at 1 East Main St. Contact Lion Vicki if interested

At both meetings in March, we will be collecting items for the Operation Wildcat's Socks & Underwear Project using the criteria below:

New Underwear (most pressing need!):

Boys' 6/8, 8/10

Juniors' 5, 6, 7 (low-rise, bikini and boy-short style)

Womens' 6, 7, 8, 9+

Mens' (all styles and sizes)

New Socks: (less needed this year)

New packages only

Lion Tawnya Kling asked for assistance to solicit sponsors for our upcoming "We Serve" Golf Tournament in July. Lion Wayne DeFonzo is chairing the tournament again this year. Their team has already received some donations but would like help contacting barber shops, hair dressers & other businesses in our community.

She also announced that the Mechanicsburg Earth Day event will be held on April 18th. She will have signup sheets available at our next few meetings.

Club President Lion Coco asked for any other items for the good of the order, then after hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Secretary: *Lion Ted Cramer*