

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, March 3, 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 Monica Latz
Song: Lion Ted Cramer
Lions Toast: Lion Brian McPherson
Prayer: Lion Lisa Chase
Lucky Lion: Lion Karen Ferrick (Absent)
Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Doris Moss

Attendance
Guests: 1
Members: 49
Percentage: 54.44%
(Active Membership)

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling welcomes everyone & Introduced our Guest Speaker Darrin Henry

Our Guest Speaker for tonight was Darrin Henry the owner of Barracks Baristas Coffee Co.

He is a career veteran serving in both our country & abroad. He advises all veterans who have had mental challenges to contact the "Headstrong Project" for free mental health resources & counselling. His coffee will soon be available at the local Giant Stores. He also volunteers with Michelle at "Operation Honor Roll Salute" for veterans. He donated 7 pounds of coffee to be used at our next meeting & donated 4 hats to lucky winners Lions Lisa Chase, Vicki Alfieri, Ted Cramer & Don Graewe.

Lion Bob Dippel announced that we now have an updated Sales Tax Exemption form available for Lions' purchases. Just see him if you need a copy.

Immediate Past President Lion Karl Heimbach was the Chairperson of the Nomination Committee for the 2026-27 officers. Committee members were Coco Houghtaling, Patti Clark, Steve Harriman, Jim Miller & Ted Cramer. He thanked the Lions who have volunteered to run for office and to the committee members for their input.

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling asked for additional nominations from the floor emphasizing that tonight is the final chance to make nominations and that the election of officers will happen based on tonight's nominations. Hearing no additional nominations she asked for action.

MSP to accept the nominees for election of officers on April 7, 2026, as recommended by the Nomination Committee as listed below: Harriman/T. Hartzell

Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA
2026-27 Officers

Office	Name
President	Patti Clark
1st Vice President	Steve Harriman
2nd Vice President	Brenda Robinson
Immediate Past Pres.	Coco Houghtaling
Secretary	Vicki Alfieri
Treasurer	Bob Dippel
Asst. Treasurer	Debi Wiest
Chaplains	Lynn Hochstetler & Lisa Chase
Lion Tamer	Lee Snyder
Asst. Lion Tamer	Mike Clark
Tail Twister	Ellen Mank
Asst. Tail Twister	Jeff Woodward
Membership Chairman	Ted Cramer
Club Safety Officer	Leroy Weaver
Club LCIF Coordinator	Terry Hartzell
Club Service Chair	Karen McKendry
Club Marketing Chair	Kirk Freed
Directors	Name
1 year:	Wayne DeFonzo
1 Year:	Rachel Milbrand
1 Year:	Lois Young
2 Year:	Mike Caravello
2 Year:	John Burkhart
2 Year:	Bob Hilinski

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling read a message from LCIF that included a 2025-26 Melvin Jones Fellowship patch to put on our banner in recognition of our club's sponsorship.

Lion Vicki Alfieri thanked everyone who made donations to Operation Wildcat's Project Socks We will be accepting the final underwear and socks at our March 17th meeting.

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 Karen McKendry announced that a fundraising spaghetti dinner for One80 Ministries will occur on March 14th. She will send an email with all the details. The price for dinner is \$25 each.

She also mentioned that we are reviewing the Pill Bottle Project & will give an update soon.

Membership Chair, Lion Ted Cramer reminded everyone to invite friends and family to our Club Open House scheduled for April 21st. He sent a Publicity flyer to everyone for their use. Please send names & email addresses of guests to Lion Ted.

Lion Karl Heimbach announced that our Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on May 21st at the Trindle Springs Lutheran Church. Registrations are now open.

Lion Diane Hartzell has placed the order for new Lions shirts & they should arrive in 3-4 weeks.

Lion Tawnya Kling is still looking for Golf Gift Basket donations – contact her if you have any ideas.

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Secretary: *Lion Ted Cramer*