

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, April 7, 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 Don Graewe

Song: Lion Ted Cramer

Lions Toast: Lion Jill Paukert

Prayer: Lion Mike Fenicle

Lucky Lion: Lion Don Graewe

Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Kati Burkhart

Attendance

Guests: 1

Members: 61

Percentage: 67.8%

(Active Membership)

Club President Coco Houghtaling welcomed everyone & introduced Kimberly Turner with the Downtown Mechanicsburg Development. She thanked the Lions for participating in the Mechanicsburg Money initiative that helped local merchants and invited us to participate in the upcoming Downtown Wine Walk scheduled for May 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet available to all who are interested.

Lion Ted distributed the April newsletter from Vision Resources of Central PA. He also presented a Lions Hat to our newest member, Lion Brian MacPherson.

MSP to approve the minutes of the 3/17/26 Meeting as posted by Lion Ted Cramer: P. Clark/Freed

MSP to approve the Treasurer Reports from March 2026 as posted by Lion Bob Dippel: M. Fenicle/Woodward

Lion Tawnya Kling shared that our club received an invitation to participate in the 2026 Mechanicsburg's Earth Day event. She shared that the location has been changed to Soldiers & Sailors Park & that there will be a \$50 Vendor Fee assessed to all who want to participate. The officers had already replied to any email survey that they were not in favor of participating under the new rules. After hearing of the officers' opinions, Mechanicsburg Mayor & Lion John Anthony offered to pay the \$50 fee for the Lions. After considerable discussion on both sides of the issue, the following action was taken by a close vote of the 19 officers in attendance:

"Motion Made Seconded & Passed to reject the \$50 donation offer from Mayor/Lion John Anthony and that our club will not participate in Mechanicsburg's 2026 Earth Day Event": T. Hartzell/L. Weaver

Club President Coco reviewed our participation in the Pill Bottle Donation program. The Hanover Lions will no longer be accepting bottles from outside their club due to postage expenses. One of our Lions volunteered to pay our postage fees to send the pill bottles to help those in need throughout the world. Action taken:

MSP to manage our own pill bottle collection for those in need & accept the postage expense donation by one of our members: P. Clark/M. Latz

President Coco encouraged all Lions to bring all used pill bottles to future meetings.

Lion Brenda Robinson, chair of the current sub sale, encouraged all Lions to sell, sell, sell & to bring all orders & payments to our next meeting.

MSP to approve Lions Coco Houghtaling, Patti Clark, Karl Heimbach & Mike Caravello as our District 14-C Delegates at the 2026 Convention: M. Fenicle/J. Burkhart

Lion Ted distributed the Delegate credentials to all.

Club President Coco printed election ballots for the acceptance of our 2026-27 officer candidates. All members were given a ballot for voting. Lion Linda Fenicle counted the ballots and reported that the vote was unanimous to accept all candidates listed. The list is posted at the end of these minutes.

MSP to participate in Mechanicsburg's Non-Profit Day on May 14th: Harriman/P. Clark
Lions Linda & Mike Fenicle volunteered to represent our club at this event.

Lion Steve Harriman, the chair of our annual Jubilee Day Bingo, encouraged everyone to save the date of June 18th on their calendar. This is a day when many Lions need to volunteer for at least one of the time slots to help raise funds during this important fundraising event. Our club is very visible to the community & we need everyone's assistance. He also thanked Buhrig's Funeral Home for their tremendous support & for providing us with a great location in their breezeway for our 50/50 Bingo.

Membership Chair Lion Ted Cramer reviewed our upcoming Open House/Membership Night scheduled for April 21st. At the current time we have 4 Tentative Guests. Since the number is lower this year, we will not be setting up the total displays as we have in the past and will not do the 2-person dialogue. A few of our Lions will be available to discuss our various service & fundraising activities. He requested that all Lions consider bringing a guest & send the name & email address to him so he can greet them & confirm their attendance. Names should be sent to him by April 14th.

He also emphasized that the PowerPoint presentation is ready & is an important review of our annual activities for all Lions. Lion Hosts will provide guidance to our guests.

Lions Coco Houghtaling, Patti Clark & Lana McCaulley will be attending the PA State Lions Convention in Indiana, PA on May 14-17.

Lion Kathy Christine shared that she & Lion Doris Moss will be organizing our club's Fall Picnic scheduled for September 13th from 1:00-3:00 at Pleasant View Park. Signups for help will be available soon.

Lion Ted questioned the best way to keep our Club Records, Digital or Physical or both? The consensus from the membership is to keep digital records saved in multiple locations. Paper copies are no longer required.

PCC Terry Hartzell reminded everyone that the Lion shirt orders have arrived. Lions who didn't get their shirts tonight can get them at our next meeting or contact Lion Diane Hartzell.

Lion Karl Heimbach reported that he already has some donors for our Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for May 21st. Please sign up & encourage others to donate too.

Lions Mike & Linda Fenicle reported that they currently have over 800 pairs of eyeglasses collected for recycling plus some hearing aids.

Lion Bill Dixon shared that our Vision Screening team had a successful day today. Lion Jim Miller, chair of the team, will give a full report later.

Lion Karen McKendry reported that the Jared Boxes were delivered and were a big hit with the patients who received them & thanked all who helped.

The next Beacon Lodge workday will be this Saturday, April 11th. There are 6 Lions signed up to help & more are welcome – just contact Lion Karen McKendry

Lion Kirk Freed invited everyone to attend Buhrig's Funeral Home's special event titled "Death by Chocolate" scheduled for April 11th. More information can be found on their website.

Club President Coco Houghtaling adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Secretary: Lion Ted Cramer

Lions Club of Mechanicsburg 2026-27 Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
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
Chaplain	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
<u>Directors</u>	<u>Name</u>
1 year:	Wayne DeFonzo
1 Year:	Rachel Milbrand
1 Year	Lois Young
2 Year:	Mike Caravello
2 Year:	John Burkhart
2 Year:	Bob Hilinski