

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, May 19, 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 Karen Graewe
Song: Lions Linda Glantz & Lois Young
Lions Toast: Lion Duke Brenneman
Prayer: Lion Mike Fenicle
Lucky Lion: Karen Graewe
Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Rose Davis

Attendance
Guests: 0
Members: 55
Percentage: 54%
(Active Membership)

Welcome – Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Communications: Lion Vicki Alfieri passed around a copy of the New Hope Ministries 2025 Annual Report and a thank you note from Beacon Lodge for the fencing donation.

Approval of Minutes: Membership accepted the minutes from 4/7/26, 4/21/26 & 5/5/26 as posted by Lion Ted Cramer. *(MSP) Motion Lion Patti Clark/Seconded Lion Mike Fenicle/Passed*

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Membership accepted the April 2026 Treasurer report as posted by Lion Bob Dippel. *(MSP) Motion Lion Linda Fenicle/Seconded Lion Steve Harriman/Passed*

- Lion Bob reported that the PA Business filing that is due June 30, 2026 has been completed.
- Lion Bob reviewed the 2026-27 Club Budget (Administrative and Charity Accounts). Membership accepted the 2026-27 Club Budget. *(MSP) Motion Lion Terry Hartzell/Seconded Lion Karl Heimbach/Passed*
- Lion Bob reviewed the end of year charity donations. Since the Boscov's fundraiser exceeded the Beacon Lodge budgeted donation, there was discussion on how to handle the surplus. *(MSP) Lion Karl Heimbach made a motion that \$1,500 should go to Beacon Lodge. The motion was seconded by Lion Steve Harriman and passed.* It was also decided that we would continue to do the Boscov's fundraiser to support Beacon Lodge. Amounts above \$1,000 should be put to a specific need. Lion Karl to ask Beacon Lodge what the specific needs are.
- Lion Mike Clark reported that Boscov's will also be doing gift wrapping and the Lions will be able to keep the donations.
- Lion Bob reported that the meal price will increase to \$20 effective July 1, 2026.
- Lion Bob reminded the membership that the 2026-2027 membership dues are due by May 31, 2026.

Old Business:

- **Give From the Heart**: Lion Bill Dixon shared that the presentation ceremony will be held on May 26 at St. Thomas Elementary School. The 5th grade students picked the following charities for this year: Central PA Animal Alliance and Norris Place. The Norris Place is planning to attend the ceremony.
- **Non Profit Day**: Lions Linda and Mike Fenicle attended Non Profit Day held in Mechanicsburg. This was the first year for this event and it was lightly attended. A survey was completed to provide feedback.

New Business:

- **District 14-C District Convention**: Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling, Zone Chair Lion Karl Heimbach & Lion Mike Caravello attended. Lion Coco shared that they are trying to get vendors at the convention.

- Lion Patti Clark and President Lion Coco visited the Hanover Lions Club. They shared that the Hanover Lions Club had a Scholarship Night where they issued 11 scholarships at \$1,000 each.
- **Lions PA State convention:** Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling, Lion Patti Clark & Lion Lana McCaulley attended.
- **Jubilee Day:** Lion Steve Harriman reported that Jubilee Day will be held on Thursday, June 18. Lion Steve thanked Buhrig's for the use of the breezeway, tables, chairs and furnishing the water that the Lions will sell. Bingo will be held from 11 am to 7 pm. Helpers are needed. A sign-up sheet was sent out by Lion Ted on May 19. Lion Steve reviewed the different positions and encouraged everyone to sign up by calling or emailing him.
- **Singer Band:** Lion Linda Glantz thanked everyone for the \$250 donation for the Singer Band.
- **Blood Drive:** Lion Karl Heimbach reminded everyone that our Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on May 21 from 11 am – 6:30 pm at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church. More blood donors are welcome and can register online.
- **Lions Plaques** - Lion Karl Heimbach shared that at the last meeting a plaque was presented to the District Governor and one was also given to Buhrig's. He encourage everyone to look at it on the way out this evening. Lion Karl has two plaques remaining. Should more be ordered? They are \$34 each. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- **New Member application:** Ed Burda sponsored by Lion Wayne DeFonzo has applied for membership and has paid his dues. *(MSP) Lion Mike Fenicle made a motion to accept his membership, seconded by Lion Monica Latz and passed.* Welcome Lion Ed!
- **Assistant Secretary Position:** Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling asked if anyone was interested in this position to reach out to her, Lion Patti Clark or Lion Vicki Alfieri.
- **Dinner Menu Selection:** Lion Becky Heimbach would like to get a committee together and discuss meal planning with Buhrig's. We used to have a committee that did this. It has been noticed that a lot of people are not eating. Lion Becky will have a sign up at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Vision Screening:** Lion Jim Miller reported that the Lions completed 1,032 exams this year. Since 2017, we have completed 15,346 exams. The next screenings will be held at National Night Out. Lion Jim also reported that nine Lions are due for clearance renewal.
- **Eyeglass Recycling & Hearing:** Lion Linda Fenicle reported that not counting tonight's donations, we have 1,526 pairs of glasses, 90 contacts and 2 hearing aids.
- **Pill Bottles:** Lion JoAnn Webber reported that she will be handling the pill bottle collection. She is exploring local places that would take the pill bottles. Lion JoAnn will make sure the bottles are free of labels and with no medications.
- **Public Service:** Lion Vicki Alfieri reported that we will be volunteering at Operation Wildcat - Project Clothing on Saturday, August 22. We will also be collecting school supplies for Operation Wildcat during both meetings in June and our one meeting in July.

Club President Lion Coco adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Minutes taken by Lion Vicki Alfieri