

EDMONTON CHINESE LIONS CLUB

Dynasty Century Palace
#200-9700 105 Avenue – Chinatown

Minutes of Business Meeting October 13, 2015

Lions in Attendance: Douglas Lim, Darcy Knoll, Bob Hiew, Dan Chow, Sara Chow, Fong Chua, Jessica Ng, Leah Henderson

1. 6:00pm - Call to order by President Douglas
2. Welcome and greetings
3. Approval of agenda - Motioned by Lion Darcy, 2nd by Lion Dan
4. Adoption of September 22 minutes – Motioned by Lion Bob, 2nd by Lion Darcy

Project Reports:

5. **Mustard Seed:** Lion Darcy reports that Operation Mustard Seed will be on Sat .Oct 24 at 3:00... We have 10 Alpha-Leos volunteering but still require some adults. So far we only have 2 adults and we expect it to be very busy. The address is 10635-96 Street. There is plenty of parking. Please contact Lion Darcy at drknoll33@hotmail.com to help out.
6. **Guest Night ~ October 27th:** Lion Bob has organized a special opportunity to meet with Mayor Dan Iveson prior to guests arriving. This event is a Membership drive, a fundraiser for Patty Hill's vice-presidential campaign and to raise the profile of our club. For tickets contact Lion Bob or Darcy.
7. **Neonatal Intensive Care for Babies:** Lion Darcy reports that funding is required for a high demand intensive care service for babies at the Misericordia Hospital. We are prepared to donate \$1,000.
8. **Cookbooks:** Lion Sara Chow has attempted to work with PALS for the healthy and inexpensive cookbook project but has not been able to interact with them. There is a worthy and interested group at The Neighbors Centre Dinner Club who get their food from the Food Bank. They prepare their meals as a group and then have dinner together. They are very thrilled to have these 23 cookbooks with easy recipes from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. This cookbook, 'How to eat on \$4' is by Leanne Brown, a writer and practitioner. Lion Darcy reports the ages 29-35 demographics are likely most in need. The cookbook gears to not only low income but also provides healthy meals for the \$4.

Here is the link to Leanne Brown's website <http://www.leannebrown.com/> and for the newest online (FREE) version of her cookbook which will also go on our website

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<https://41aac1a9acbe9b97bcebc10e0dd7cb61ef11502c.googleusercontent.com/host/0B9c5>

Lion Sara strongly encourages all members who access the book online to make a donation (<http://www.leannebrown.com/buy/thanks>)! A \$5 donation can provide a free copy of the book to someone in need!

9. **Citizenship Awards** – Lion Dan reports that he has awarded 350 books this year.
10. He received a letter from a principal expressing his pleasure in this project. These kids are from very poor families so this is a very big deal for them. Lion Dan presented to five schools this year so far. Lion Dan will be addressing his budget just before Christmas.

Discussion: Lion Dan reports that Social media crowd funding in LA will buy 1,600 kits to help homeless people into houses in vacant lots. There is lots of support from the trade industry with labor and also for supplies. Lion Dan says, “Don’t say You Cant!”

This concept is a great idea says Lion Bob and will present it by a YouTube presentation at our Guest Night on October 27th where Mayor Iveson is presenting his plans to end homelessness.

11. **Century Palace is closing for renovations November 16 – Dec 4.** Lion Sara motioned we meet at Emperors Palace for the November 24th meeting. The address is 10638-100 Street. This Motion was 2nd by Lion Fong. We will send a reminder with the agenda for that meeting.

Fortunately the Century Palace will be open and freshly renewed for our Christmas party on December 8th

12. **District C1 Convention:** Lion Darcy reports the district convention will be held Saturday, October 31 in Sylvan Lake. Email Lion Stacey at chanstacey@hotmail.com if you wish to attend and your registration fees will be covered.
13. 6:45 Closing of meeting
14. Dinner and Fellowship