

January 27, 2015

Edmonton Chinese Lions Club

Meeting Minutes

Century Palace Restaurant



Lions in Attendance: Dan Chow, Sarah Chow, Leah Henderson, Eugene Chow, Stacey Chan, Peter Chiong, Bill Cheung, Stacey Chan, Al Chow, Darcy Knoll, Bob Hiew, Douglas Lim, Moses Ling, Jessica Ng, Fong Chua **New Member:** Kevin Chow
Regrets: Lan Chan-Marples **Guests:** Jim Morrison, Operation Friendship Senior Society, Kok En

1. **Called to order** 6:00 by 1st Vice President, Lion Douglas Lim
2. **Welcome and greetings**
3. **Approval of Agenda** was motioned by Lion Darcy, 2nd by Lion Bill with the exception of two business item additions.
4. **Adoption of November 25 minutes** as per circulated by email was motioned by Lion Bob and 2nd by Lion Al, Motion passed.
5. **Operation Friendship Senior Society** – Lion Al reports our relationship with Operation Friendship is still short but is developing to be a good one. We are happy to support their worthy cause because of the caring and excellent mandate providing meals, various recreational activities, housing units and encouraging a family atmosphere through many of their programs. They reach out to the seniors and are further expanding. We are following each other on Twitter and our members are encouraged to participate by re-tweeting any messages. **Jim Morrison, Community relations Supervisor:** We have been around since 1969 and are considered a hidden gem. Our boundaries extend to the University center. In this family setting the seniors also help out as though it was their home with extended family in it. There are many other opportunities for your club to help out. We are holding an annual dinner and silent auction on Monday, May 25 at the Radisson Hotel 4440 Gateway. We extend welcome to all members to join in for this special and very enjoyable evening. For tickets \$50 call Jimmy at 780 408-2958
6. **Donation Presentation:** Lion Al presented a \$500 to the Friendship Society to help cover the cost of the meal that our club helped serve Wednesday, Jan 28.
7. **Chinese New Year Party** – Lion Douglas encourages us you to mark your calendar for Chinese New Year on Tuesday February 24th at the Dynasty Century Palace. Please forward the attached poster to all your friends, family and co-workers and please RSVP to Lion Douglas. Great entertainment and a Lion Dance is lined up and the menu promises to be awesome. *Come One Come All!!!*
8. **Alpha Leo Club** – Lion Douglas is looking forward to the development of the Alpha Leo Club, a mini Lions Club for youth ages 12-18. They will have their own president, secretary, Treasurer, etc. They will enjoy leadership and project development, public speaking and partaking in volunteer opportunities.
9. **Lion Al suggests a donation** of \$300 for a new Santa costume for the Ming Ai unit at the Edmonton General Hospital. We go there every year and one of our members dresses as Santa and passes out the presents which is very well received by all. The donation was motioned by Lion Darcy 2nd by Lion Bill. This matter has been referred to the Finance Committee.
10. **Casino** Lion Darcy reports soon we will know when our next casino will be soon. This is our club's major source of financial support and we have moved forward by two quarters which gives our club a great advantage. This is with thanks to Lions Darcy and Stacey. *Brauo!*
11. **Group Brainstorming Session** – Lion Douglas is working with by Louis St. Laurent School to hold a mini convention in March and will be using the facilities at the school. This may include the gym, food lab, and theatre. We may even use their school band. Our focus is on Mental health which will encompass issues in the public including elder abuse, family violence with bullying being the key topic. Shoppers Drug Mart will be sponsoring lunch for all. We are reaching out to inner city agencies and United Way may get involved with Guest speaker program.
12. **Meeting adjourned** at 6:55

13. Dinner and fellowship

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 10th

Every month there is an executive meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and on the 4th Tuesday is a general meeting. For both meetings all members are welcome to participate. Every meeting we meet at the Dynasty Century Palace unless otherwise mentioned.