

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 13**

**Guests: 1**

President Stedman opened the meeting promptly. Lion Paul led the pledges to the flags. Lion Milly gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing “Don’t You Hear Those Lions Roar”, with words handed out to members. President Stedman then recapped some of the highlights of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. Since our inception in 1957, we have purchased over 4,200 eye exams and glasses for needy children within the Cy-Fair School District. We have donated to the Texas Lions Camp yearly since its inception in 1949, sponsoring over 460 campers from our Club. Over 300 families have benefited from our Annual Christmas Cheer Food Baskets. In addition to this, we have donated approximately \$ 129,200 to graduating CFISD students for scholarships so they may attend college. We have provided a place for children to play baseball on our baseball fields. We also provide students with the opportunity to earn scholarships on the District and State level via our student contests each year. President Stedman reminded us to be proud of our Lions Club and all we do within our community.

Lion Chuck introduced our speaker, David Lemley, from the Cy-Fair Sports Association. He is currently the Metro Division Coordinator, newly hired Facilities Chairman, and our baseball scheduling contact. He started coaching in Cy-Fair when his son was 5 years old, and has moved up through the various positions within the organization. He currently does marketing, does back ground checks on team coaches, and is the scheduler and tournament director. There are approximately 200 teams in the regular baseball league, servicing over 2300 children. He said the Cy-Fair Sports Association is proud to be associated with our Lions Club, which like us, is a large volunteer organization. Mr. Lemley discussed proposed improvements to our fields: new wind shield netting has been placed in all the dugouts, lights are to be replaced and improved on the fields, electronic scoreboards are to be refurbished and operational and high netting to keep errant baseballs away from the bleachers and walkways. He discussed the Cy-Fair Sports Association Opening Day Spring Festival which will be held on Saturday April 5 at the Queeston complex near West Little York and Queenston. There will be carnival rides, vendors and lots of activities for kids of all ages. This is for all sports, not just baseball.

Minutes of the last meeting have been emailed, read, and approved.

Lion Chuck gave an overview of two proposals to update our Lions Club website. One, from InMode, was for \$5,750, plus a monthly hosting fee of \$20. The other was from Vast Marketing Group, owned by Lion John Donato, for \$2,800, and he will donate the hosting fee monthly. Lion Becca has also reviewed both proposals, and they seem to contain the same information and benefits, offering mobile device services and have expandable marketing capabilities. Lion Becca, seconded by Lion Chuck, motioned that we accept the proposal from Vast Marketing Group. Motion passed.

Lion Chuck, in the absence of Lion Littlejohn, discussed the baseball schedule, with league games starting tonight. By the end of March, we should have a full schedule. There will be a large tournament the last weekend of March. There will be a Easter Tournament Friday and Sat. April 18 and 19.

Lion Chuck discussed the need for delegates to run for District offices for 2014-2015. He explained that Lion Bud's elected 2 year term as Camp Director will end this year. There are other District offices which do not have candidates. He stressed how important it is for our Club to maintain our presence within the District and urged members to consider running for one of the soon to be vacated positions. Texas Lions Camp Director is a 2 year commitment, and probably the most costly and time consuming, as the Directors are asked to visit all District Lions Clubs to make presentations. Lion Bud has also attended several Health Fairs promotion the Texas Lions Camp. The Humanitarian Relief Fund is a 3 year commitment, which basically meets only when proposals/requests for funds are obtained, usually at Cabinet or Presidents and Secretary's Council meetings. Members would only need to review the proposals, make sure it is within the guidelines, and accept or deny. The Lions Eye Bank of Texas directorship is a 2 year commitment, with quarterly meetings, as is the Light House of Houston directorship. Those are either luncheon or dinner meetings, with directors having input into the running of the organization. The District Convention in May is when elections for these offices are conducted. Candidates must make resolution at least 30 days prior to the Convention, unless they become a write in candidate. Resolutions for candidacy are usually read at Cabinet or PSC meetings. Lion Chuck urged members of our Club to strongly consider continued service within the District Level.

Lion Milly, as co-chairperson for the Fun Committee, discussed a Car Show sponsored by her Church on Saturday March 22 from 11AM to 2 PM at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 2003 W. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Houston. We could wear our vests or Lions shirts and enjoy looking at cars restored and shined. There are fun activities for children, and a Barbeque lunch will be available for \$5 provided by Boy Scout Troop 604. All were invited to attend, and bring a friend. Co-chair Lion Amanda researched and found no Baskin Robins stores nearby, but found two Marble Slab Creamery's, one on Hwy 290 by Tidwell, and the other at Hwy. 6 and West Roads. Perhaps we could have a Club social at one of those places next time.

Lion Becca read a letter from 5<sup>th</sup> grader Hayden Rinehart, who has been selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington DC this summer, thanking us for the scholarship from our Lions Club. Lion Becca is working on presenting young Hayden with his funds June 2 at the Emmotte Elementary Awards ceremony, with many Lions hopefully in attendance.

Lion Becca reported that all members of her Venture Scout Crew will be attending Work Day at the Camp on April 5. She has not heard if Lions Clubs would be charged for booths at the Soaring Eagle District Boy Scout Fair.

Lion Chuck reported that our Club has funded 48 eye exams and glasses for needy Cy-Fair school children with the checks that President Stedman signed tonight.

President Stedman read a proposal and request of donations from an Eagle Scout Candidate from Kingwood. This young man wants to enlarge and improve the large climbing wall at the Texas Lions Camp. Unfortunately, it needs to be completed and inspected by May. Clubs donating at least \$500 would be engraved on a plaque at the climbing wall. Lion Chuck reported that he has requested 2nd VDG Noah Spear and 1st VDG Chris Morman to contact the Texas Lions Foundation for matching funds if possible. Lion Becca, seconded by Lion Chuck, motioned that we contribute \$500 to this

Scout project. Lion Sandy pointed out that the Scout is Diabetic, has attended Texas Lions Camp, and that this is his last year to attend.

President Stedman discussed the Cy-Fair School District Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Wed. May 14 at the Berry Center. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Becca, motioned that we purchase 4 tickets for \$500, stressing the importance of our Lions Club presence within the School District. Motion passed.

The Lions District 2-S2 Convention will be held May 2 and 3 at the Houston Hilton North at Greenspoint. Members were encouraged to attend. Lion Becca pointed out that May 3 is also the day of the Health Fair which we need to attend.

Lion Chuck discussed the Club purchasing an ad in the District Convention booklet. We could honor any impending District Candidates from our Club with this full page ad of \$100. Lion Bud, seconded by Lion Becca, motioned that we purchase a full page ad in the booklet. Motion passed.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30PM after a hearty Lions Roar. Tail Twister collected \$5.15 in assorted fines.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary