

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday March 25, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 13

Guests: 5

President Stedman opened the meeting. Lion Becca led the pledges to the flags. Lion Milly gave prayer. Guests were introduced, Lions Eme, Minnette Chu, District Secretary, Maria Mendoza, President of the Royal Oaks Lions Club, and Lions Juanita and Rick.

After the meal, President Stedman discussed how children are our future, and they learn from us. He then told a joke about a boy “whispering” in Church.

Lion Chuck introduced District Leo Chairperson, Lion Eme Nisnisan of the Royal Oaks Lions Club. She has 4 daughters, and has been called the “Energizer Bunny” for her countless energies, especially towards Leos. Lion Eme brought her Leo Team, saying it takes a team to put together a Leos Club. She showed a video about Leos. We would need to decide what type of Leo Club we wanted, whether a school based out of a specific school, or community based, with children from different schools. We should start with our own children, grandchildren, and friends. We could organize an Informational Night, with parents and children. The three things needed to start a Leos Club is 1: committed and enthusiastic Lions members; 2: one or two designated persons to become Advisors; and 3: at least 20 interested kids. Leos in the United States are kids from 12-18 years of age. There are no dues, but to charter a Leos Club, the sponsoring Lions Club needs to pay \$5 per student yearly. Service hours collected by the students are listed on their resumes for college and work. Lion Eme informed us that there are many videos on the Lions Club International website about Leos. Her daughter was the Keynote Speaker at the Leos meeting of the International Leos Convention held with the International Lions Convention in Korea last year.

President Stedman commended Lions Eme and her Lions Team for their enthusiastic commitment to Leos and our youth. He asked for volunteers to work together towards forming a Leo Club. Lions Chuck, Amanda, and Bud will work with him on this endeavor.

Minutes of the last meeting were received via email, read, and approved as written.

Lion Littlejohn reported a large baseball tournament this weekend, with 68 games on our fields. All 6 fields will be used, so we will need at least 3 persons per team to work the concession stand duties. Lions were expected to fill shifts before we contract to outside organizations.

Lion Chuck reported that at the last District Cabinet Meeting, he read resolutions for Lion John Peterson for election to the Light House of Houston and for Lion Stedman for election to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. Lion Stedman has another person running against him, so we need to make up flyers touting our candidates, and host a hospitality suite at the District Convention.

The District 2-S2 Lions Convention will be May 2 and 3. Each Club has one vote for every 10 members, so our Club will need to elect two voting delegates. Past District Governors also have a vote at the election. Registration forms for the Convention were

available. Friday night will be a New Orleans Jazz Night. PID Al Picone will be the Keynote speaker Saturday night. All were invited to attend.

A new tree honoring Past District Governor Lion Al Lindow has been planted in our PDG tree grove. Lion Sandy spoke to his wife about what type of tree would be appropriate. Since Lion Al loved horticulture, she advised a flowering plum tree. So, a purple leaf flowering plum tree is now planted. We will order a bronze plaque as we did for PID Lion Howard Leverett's tree.

Lion Chuck explained that our Club has been contacted to help provide a Diabetic Alert Dog for a student within the Cy-Fair School District. There are several ways we could use matching funds to help accomplish this, through the District Humanitarian Relief Fund, the Texas Lions Fund, or a Lions Club International Foundation Grant. All seemed to agree that while the Diabetic Alert Dog could indeed alert the parent when blood glucose levels were too high or low, this does nothing to educate the mother and child as to what caused these fluxulations. President Stedman advised that we give the mother information about the upcoming Advanced Diabetes Seminar at the Camp which will be held in April. It was agreed that our Club would pay for registration, \$25 for the mother and child, or \$75 for a family. We would also fund a motel room the night prior to the session. Also, we need to urge this child's attendance at the Diabetic Sessions of Texas Lions Camp. Lion Sandy will continue correspondence with the school nurse and foster attendance to these sessions.

Lion Chuck displayed the banner patch from our contribution to the Mike Butler for LCI 2nd Vice President Campaign.

Lion Milly discussed our first Fun Event, a car show last Saturday at her Church. She gave thanks to all nine Lions and guests who attended. Over \$2000 was cleared for a Methodist charity.

Lion Amanda discussed our next Fun Event, an ice cream social. Friday April 11 at 8PM, we will descend on Marble Slab Creamery at the Kroger Shopping Center at the corner of West Little York and Hwy. 6. The ice cream store faces Hwy 6, behind the Hermann Memorial Clinic. Lion Sandy will send out info and reminders to all members.

We need to consider Club officers for 2014-2015. So far, we have commitment from Lion Paul for President, Lion Becca for Vice President, Lion Chuck for Treasurer, Lion Sandy for Secretary, Lion Don for Tail Twister, Lions Clayton and John Peterson for Directors. President Stedman will fill out the remaining positions and let us know at the next meeting.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30PM after a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary