

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday April 8, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 3

President Stedman called the meeting promptly to order. Lion Becca led the pledges to both flags. Lion Milly gave prayer. Lion Don tried to lead us in singing "Texas Our Texas", but few knew the words. President Stedman requested that Lion Don provide the words at the next meeting.

After the meal, Lion Chuck introduced Lion Judy Champion, who spoke about the upcoming District 2-S 2 Convention to be held May 2 and 3. Hotel reservations at the Hilton Houston North are due by April 18. Convention tickets are due by April 28. The theme will be "Jazz It Up", and will be a fun event. All were invited to attend, and applications were given out. Lion Judy said we already knew all that, but she just wanted to come and enjoy our wonderful meal.

President Stedman then introduced Dr. Scott Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary School Administration for the Cy-Fair School District. He showed a video presentation about the upcoming Bond issue concerning the ever growing Cy-Fair School system. The Cy-Fair Independent School System is the second largest in the county, the third largest in the state, and 24th largest in the nation. A \$1.2 billion Bond referendum will be voted at the May 10, 2014 elections. Five major areas are in the Bond package: Security and safety, Student Growth, Transportation, Technology, and Campuses/Support Facilities Improvements. Tax increases would be gradual over 5 years. Senior citizens are exempt from tax increases.

President Stedman then introduced Leslie Francis, Director for Marketing and Business Relations for the Cy-Fair School District. She discussed the Volunteers in Public Schools Appreciation Luncheon to be held May 14, 2014 at the Berry Center. This event recognizes all the volunteers which help at the schools. Anyone can volunteer at a school or become a mentor to a student for a school year. Our Club will be sending 4 representatives to this luncheon.

Lion Becca then presented to both Dr. Scott and Ms. Francis the plaque given to the Soaring Eagle Scout District for Scouting contributions to our annual Christmas Cheer Basket program. She requested that this plaque be displayed at the District, showing our involvement to the students in this area.

Electronic minutes were received by members, offered for approval and accepted.

Lion Bud discussed the Texas Lions Camp Work Day this past Saturday at the Camp. Eleven persons from our Club and the Venture Crew were in attendance. The boat barn was cleaned; cob webs and mud dabber nests removed, and nine months of dust and raccoon droppings were removed. Then we cleaned the Rec Hall, including two closets and both restrooms. The Eagle Scout Candidate, Matthew Gibson, who is constructing two more climbing walls, was present with drawings and layout of his plans. His materials were also delivered and ready for installation.

Lion Becca discussed a Leo Club. The Venture Crew wants to increase membership, and since it was formed as a Service Club, marriage into a Leo Club would be very easy. Venture Scouts go to age 21, but Leos go to age 18. Lions Stedman and Becca will continue to discuss the formation of a Leo Club.

Officers for the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club 2014-2015 were read:

President: Paul Yackley

Vice President: Becca Franco

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Membership: Audrey Bryant

Lion Tamer: Sheldon Littlejohn

Tail Twister: C. Don Robinson

Directors: Clayton Dupree, John Peterson, Milly Spencer, and Kamal Dubash.

Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Clayton, that officers be elected as read.

Motion passed.

Voting delegates to the District Convention were chosen. Lions Sandy and Stedman will be the delegates, with Lions Bud and Dorothy as alternates. Lions PDG C. Don and Chuck also will vote. The Secretary will complete and submit the required paperwork.

Lion Sandy reported that the diabetic child mentioned at the last meeting whose mother was trying to purchase a Diabetic Alert Dog, will be attending the Advanced Diabetic Seminar at the Camp with Dr. Steven Ponder. The grandmother will also attend. Application to the Texas Lions Camp has also been placed for this child. Another child within the school district with albinism has need for special sunglasses so that she may attend recess. Our Club has offered to assist in this, and also encouraged this child to attend Camp.

Lion Bud reported on a bid of \$271 to repair pushed in bricks by the electric boxes. The monies have been budgeted. The sign out front is to be repaired this week, as the man has been on vacation.

Lion Becca asked about the flag poles by each baseball field. We own them but will use our flag pole in the front of our park.

Lion Becca reported on the Blood Drive and Community Health Fair to be held Saturday May 3. The Venture Club will man a booth. Camp and Club displays are requested, along with any Lions who will not be attending the District Convention to assist from 10AM to 3PM.

There will be one hospitality room for all candidates at the Lions District Convention. We will need workers to man the booth for our two candidates, Lions John and Stedman.

There will be a very large baseball tournament this weekend, with 60-65 games at this facility. We will need Saturday morning concession workers, as the students from Prairie View A&M will be running their own Lions Club function that day. Please contact Lion Littlejohn and volunteer for concession duties.

The Prairie View Lions Club will have a Walk-A-Thon at the football stadium on their campus this Saturday. There will be activities and face painting for children, so bring your kids and grandkids and neighbors. Lion Trish Wilson will be the speaker at 11AM. Fee to the event is only \$5. All were encouraged to attend, since we sponsored this Club.

The next Fun Social will be Friday April 12 at 8 PM at the Marble Slab Creamery at Hwy. 6 and Jones Road, in the shopping plaza behind the Memorial Hermann Clinic. Bring friends, kids, etc, and wear a Lions Club shirt or vest.

Meeting adjourned after a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary