

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday June 24, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 17

Guests: 9

President Stedman opened the meeting promptly. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Lion Bud led us in the pledges to both flags. Lion Chuck noted a “new adornment” on the Texas flag: a suit hanger. Lion Audrey promptly paid the Tail Twister President Stedman’s fine. Guest Shannell Bryant sang a beautiful a cappella Star Spangled Banner. She was applauded heartily. Guests were introduced.

President Stedman asked for secretary’s minutes. A motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Clayton, to dispense with the usual business meeting due to our District Governor Elect program, passed, despite Lion Paul’s vote of no.

PDG Lion Don introduced District Governor Elect Chris Moorman. He is the first District Governor from the Liberty Lions Club. His bio is in the program. He is married to DeDe and together they have three daughters, two of whom are in college, and one in Middle School.

District Governor Elect Chris started with a quote he once heard; “If you don’t like change, you will like irrelevancy less.” He pointed out that Lions Clubs of Melvin Jones time were a lot different than Lions Clubs of today, and of the future. Change is constant and needed for growth. DGE Chris pointed out that he loves coming to our facility, loves being around the baseball fields which remind him of his youth, and coaching is daughters’ softball teams. Lions Clubs are a lot like baseball. It takes many different people with different talents and tasks to play baseball. The Lion Tamer is like the field groundkeeper, in charge of keeping all the equipment and facility in good working order. Lion Stedman was installed as Lion Tamer. The Tail Twister, Lion Don, reminded DGE Chris of the concessionaires, passing pop corn and hot dogs down the rows, keeping merry, keeping the meeting light hearted. To DGE Chris, the Directors were like the Umpires of baseball, making calls and keeping the game going and in the same direction. Lions Clayton, Kamal, Milly and John were installed as Directors. Lion Chris said the Membership Chairperson reminded him of the General Manager of a major league baseball team, always on the lookout for new and better members. Lion Audrey was installed as Membership Chairperson. The Vice President, Lion Becca, acts as the base coach in baseball, urging runners around the bases and towards home. Her job will be to obtain programs, assist the President, and lead committees as needed. DGE Chris said the Treasurer reminds him of the game scorekeeper, marking the hits and runs, keeping accurate books, and dispensing funds as directed. PDG Chuck was installed as the Treasurer. The Secretary, Lion Sandy, is analogous to the announcer of the ball game, telling everyone who did what, keeping the club informed, and doing monthly reports to Lions Clubs International. The President reminds DGE Chris of the baseball coach, coordinating the game and players, appointing committees, leading the Club. He will need to give an account of his stewardship during his year as President. Lion Paul was then inducted as President. DGE Chris said all other Lions Club members are the team players in baseball. Each must do his/her best to help the team win.

President Stedman reported that he has been honored to be our President this past year. “Fellow Lions, you have made me proud for all you have done.” He reported that

in the past year we have purchased 94 eye exams and eyeglasses for children of the Cy-Fair School District. At Christmas, we gave over 50 families bushel baskets of food. We help pay for a fifth grader to attend a National Conference in Washington DC. We gave two high school graduates scholarships. We purchased a Low Vision Magnifier for a family with several persons within that family with low vision. We continue to collect and turn in many boxes of used eyeglasses so that others can see better. Our Club took second place in the District Visitation Contest this year. Membership has increased. Many members attended a Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp. We assisted a Boy Scout with his Eagle Scout project. All of this we did together, and President Stedman thanked us for all that we do. He then handed the gavel to Incoming President Lion Paul, and was instructed not to lose it or have it stolen.

Incoming President Lion Paul spoke briefly of his goals for the coming year. They are to increase membership, and raise more money so that we can do more good in our community. Lion Chuck reminded him not to lose his gavel tonight.

President Stedman then gave our special recognition awards to Lions Paul, Bud, Sandy and Chuck. He said everyone deserved one, but finances could not comply. He encouraged everyone to continue working as hard as you have for an even better year.

Lion Chuck explained that a Brick to the Texas Lions Camp has been ordered for Incoming District Governor Chris, but that paperwork has not arrived yet. Lion Chuck then explained a unique problem; that the Board of Directors could not come up with a majority vote to give President Stedman a Life membership to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, or a brick to the Houston Light House for the Blind. Since President Stedman unsuccessfully ran for Director of the Lions Eye Bank, many BOD members felt it would be humiliating to him to receive a life membership to that charity. So, since the vote was evenly distributed, we would give President Stedman the choice of which Charity he would like to be honored. He chose the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. Lion Chuck will order.

Lion Chuck motioned that the meal charges per quarter be reduced from \$51 to \$48 due to no delivery fee when meals are picked up. Lion Clayton seconded, and motion passed.

There will be a baseball tournament this weekend, with between 50-70 games, which will start Friday night. Two more tournaments are scheduled for July. Please sign up with Lion Littlejohn for concession duties.

Lion Becca reported a conflict with her Scout organization use of the facilities with baseball late in July. She will contact the tournament director.

Lion Amanda reminded everyone of the Fun Event this Saturday morning at 11 AM at Back Yard Smoke House and Bakery on Huffmeister. Bring friends, family, perspective members, and enjoy wonderful pastries and goodies.

President Stedman gave one more famous and final thought: "When you give, you also receive". Meeting adjourned after a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary