

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday September 23, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 46

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:02 PM. Lion Bud led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave Prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "Oh Beautiful Beautiful Texas" just after he walked into the meeting late. He slipped some fine money in his fine pot to justify his lateness.

After the meal, our Diabetic Texas Lions Camp Campers and their families were addressed by Lion Chuck, as President Paul and Lion Amanda had to leave for a family emergency. Lion Chuck asked the kids to introduce themselves and their families, and tell how long they have been diabetic, what they liked about Camp, and other facts about their camping experience.

Kate D. introduced her parents, Karen and Mark. She was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at age 5; she is now 12, going on 13. This was her first year to attend TLC, which she loved and wants to go back. She reported it was great to be with other kids with Type 1 Diabetes, it made her not feel alone, and that the other kids knew what she was going through every day.

Parker E. introduced her parents, two sisters and brother. This is Parker's 6th year to attend TLC. She was diagnosed in 2009 and is now 13 years old. She said the counselors were great, as usual.

Chloe C. introduced her mom, Jeanna. She said she loved camp, this being her first year to attend. She was diagnosed at age 7 and is now 10. She wants to go to Camp again. She said the food was "OK", but her mother says she is a picky eater.

Matthew B. introduced his parents and two sisters. He loved the camp out, and reported that a friend found a scorpion in his shoe. He climbed the climbing wall and did the Zip line. This is his second year to attend TLC. He was diagnosed two years ago.

Anna V. introduced her father Andrew. She loved the archery, and hopes to attend Camp again. This was her first year to attend. She was diagnosed at age 8 and is now 11.

Katie G. introduced her parents. She was diagnosed at age 10 or 11, and is now 15. This was her last year to attend Camp, but she has been going for the past 4 years. She loved horseback riding and seeing friends she met at previous TLC camps. She hopes to become a counselor at Texas Lions Camp.

Christian R. introduced his parents, grandmother and two brothers. He also loved the camp out at Inspiration point. He did the Zip line and liked that a lot. He was diagnosed at age 9 and is now 14. He has attended Texas Lions Camp for 4 years.

Brenden P. introduced his parents. He was diagnosed at age 13. This was his first and unfortunately last year to attend TLC. He loved the pool, archery and horseback riding.

Jonathan A. introduced his parents and brother. He was diagnosed at 11 months of age. This was his first year to attend TLC, and he loved it, especially the horses and archery. He wants to go back to Camp every year. He brought a large poster he made from pictures taken during his week at Camp.

Jackson S. introduced his mother. He was diagnosed at age 13 and is now 14. This is his first year to attend TLC and he loved it, especially all the sports and recreation programs, especially Ga Ga Ball, which he tried to explain to us. He has only one more year to attend Camp before aging out.

Thomas C. introduced his parents. He was diagnosed in 2012, and next year will be his last to attend Camp. This was his second year to attend. He wants to be a counselor at Diabetic Camp. Thomas also loved Ga Ga Ball. He said the food was great, in fact he wished his mom's food was as good.

Emma K. introduced her parents. This was her first year to attend Texas Lions Camp and she said it was a lot of fun. She was diagnosed at age 5, and is now 12. She wants to return to Camp.

Kaleb P. introduced his parents and grandmother. He has been attending Texas Lions Camp for 3 years now, but this is the first time to attend our Campers meeting because he usually has baseball on Tuesday nights. He loved the swimming. He was diagnosed at age 7 and is now 10. He wants to attend Camp every year.

Information brochures about Lions International and the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club were given to each family. Parents reported that they did not have to get up at 2AM to check blood sugars, so they slept better. Parents were also very impressed with the check in and checkout process, and felt very comfortable leaving the children after the counselors walked them through the daily procedures and regular blood sugar checks. They loved being able to see pictures posted on the web page and face book page. Many parents liked the formal training given to the children during Camp, especially those parents whose children were diagnosed at a very young age and have had no formal diabetic training. Everyone praised Dr. Ponder, and it was pointed out he is Type 1 Diabetic, and volunteers two weeks of his time every year to run this Camp. The Camp is trying to recruit another physician so that Camp can be extended for at least another week, but so far have not been successful.

Lion Chuck discussed some of the fund raising projects our Club does to support TLC, like running the concession stand, and our Bike Ride. Parents were encouraged to volunteer their time to help any of our projects. He discussed the 53 bushel baskets of food which we delivered to needy families last Christmas. Our Club purchases eye glasses for children in the Cy-Fair School District whose parents are otherwise not able to purchase.

Parents were encouraged to apply to Texas Lions Camp starting Jan. 15, 2015. This year we had 4 other children who were not accepted into diabetic camp because it was full at the time they completed their applications. Children are not assigned a spot in the Camp until ALL paperwork is complete and at the Camp.

With no further business, meeting adjourned. There will be a Board of Directors meeting immediately afterward.

Tail Twister collected \$6.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary