

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday January 13, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 10

Guests: 2

President Paul opened the meeting promptly at 7PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Clayton gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "Oh Beautiful, Beautiful Texas"; since he knows we have not sung it in his absence. Guests were introduced. Patrick N'yamsi Tchotet from Cameroon is looking a Lions Club. And guest Mark Douglas, father of Camper Kate Douglas.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all Lions, who reported them read and without errors. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Sandy, motioned that they be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Lion Chuck gave Treasurer's report. We profited \$2795 from our Magic Show. He recommends doing the Magic Show again this year, but at a different, less expensive venue, and at a different time of year, perhaps August or September rather than the busy Christmas month. Approximately 130 persons attended the two shows.

He reported that baseball season ended mid December, after lots of bad weather and cancellations. Lion Chuck discussed the poor communication from the Cy-Fair Sports Association with our Club, noting that we had people show up for scheduled games, only to find out they had been cancelled or moved to another field. Also our fields were used for kick ball, not baseball, without our permission. Lion Chuck requested for a better web site for game schedules to make it easier to locate games scheduled on our fields. He reported that our Club has been asked to assist with concessions at the Cy-Fair Sports Association Scheile Road facility. Baseball restarts mid February with the President's Day Tournament. Lion Stedman has been contacted for use of our building for umpire training by the Sports Association.

Mark Douglas reported that his daughter is Type 1 Diabetic and attended Texas Lions Camp for the first time last year. He did not realize that Lions members had to work to pay for the Campers to attend. He and his wife and daughter wanted to help with the Christmas Food basket project. They donated foods, helped sort fresh fruits and vegetables and pack baskets. Then they helped by delivering 5 baskets to families. He said he wanted to get his only child involved with helping other people. This was an eye opener for daughter Kate, who reported to her father that the experience makes her appreciate what she has, and she had no idea people nearby were needing food. She was impressed with their reactions to receiving the baskets. Mark reported that both his wife and daughter were crying after delivering the last basket. They delivered the baskets with dignity to the families receiving them. They want to help with this project again.

Lion Chuck reported that he spoke to Becca about some of the families we delivered food baskets to in Fairfield. All were in upscale homes, and the last man, although caring for his grandchildren, expressed that they certainly did not need the food as much as others might. Lion Chuck requested that Becca discuss this is Bevin Gordon, Head Nurse of Cy-Fair School District, and request that we target the lower income families, even if some school families receive more baskets than others.

President Paul presented Lion Clayton with his 25 year Lions pin. Lion Sandy will mail Lion Todd his 30 year pin.

President Paul presented a banner patch from Lions International for Membership Satisfaction for 2013-2014.

At the last President and Secretary's Council meeting last Wed, Lion Sandy won the Challenge Stick for our Christmas Cheer Food Basket Project, which corresponded to International President Joe Preston's activity for December to Feed the Hungry. The lion on a stick, with flyers from other winning clubs, was passed around for all to see. It is to be returned to the next PSC meeting.

President Paul discussed Camp work days, March 7, March 28, and May 2. There are also days available for luggage crew or picnics. These dates fill up fast, so if we as a Club wish to participate, we should get our request in quickly.

The Diabetic Camp in April will be held in Moody Gardens in Galveston this year, rather than at TLC. Lion Bud urged us to get this message out to potential campers. He also urged everyone to purchase Texas Lions Camp license plates for their vehicles, as it is an excellent way to support our Camp financially.

President Paul read a notice about White Cane Day. Lion Chuck explained that the last time we stood out and handed out little canes requesting donations was many year ago when we had two blind members, Lions Clark "Cowboy" Henry and Bill Parker and their guide dogs. Usually we take proceeds from the concession stand for that scheduled day and donate to the White Cane Fund.

The District multi-club work project honoring founding father Melvin Jones will be held on Saturday Jan. 24, 2015 in Conroe. Huntsville Lions Club is requesting our assistance to repair a home whose owners cannot afford the repairs. Contact 1st Vice District Lion Noah Speer to sign up.

District 2-S2 Mid Winter Conference will be held Saturday February 21, along with the District Cabinet Meeting. Flyers were given to Lions John and Stedman who need to attend. Others were encouraged to attend and learn about our District and enjoy the many short informational sessions.

The Cy-Fair Superintendent Fun Run will be Feb. 21 starting at the Berry Center.

The Texas Lions Eye Bank Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday March 7, 2015. Lion Stedman reported he enjoyed the fun and fellowship of this event last year. Motion was made by Lion Sandy, seconded by Lion Chuck, that we again sponsor this event with a \$300 Strike Sponsorship as we have done in previous years. This gets our Club name on the T-shirts, on the bowling alley lane, and provides for 4 bowlers. Motion passed. Lion Chuck will get our Club registered.

Lion Bud reported he has a prospective Lions member from Jersey Village who could not attend tonight. Guest Patrick reported he was a Leo in his home country, and got our Club info through Lion Bud. Club brochure and membership pamphlets were given to him.

Lion Sandy reported she turned in 1069 pairs of used eyeglasses at the last PSC meeting.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8PM following Lion Don's count for a Roar. Tail Twister collected \$4.26 plus a car wash token.

After Lion Don Robinson left the building, Lion Chuck reported that in November he was asked to nominate Lion C. Don Robinson to the State Lions Hall of Fame. He does NOT know of this and it must be kept a secret. Our Club, as his home

Club, will be responsible for paying for him and wife Marie to attend both the District Convention, and the State Convention to be held in College Station. We also are to cover the cost of having his name engraved on the State plaque. We are urged to put a full page ad in the State and District Program booklets. Approximate cost to honor Lion PDG Don in this unique way is approximately \$1600. These funds must come out of our Administration funds, not the Charity funds. Lion Chuck motioned, seconded by Lion Sandy, to approve these expenditures for this prestigious honor. Motion passed. It was urged that we keep this information from Lion Don.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary