

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday January 27, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 7

Guests: 5

President Paul opened the meeting promptly, after some strange noise came from his cell phone alarm. Lion Dorothy led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Since Lion Don was absent, there was no song. Guests were introduced: Vivian Saw, niece of Lion Charlie Ferguson, who is Immediate Past President of his Lions Club near Lubbock, TX; Andrew Jones, guest of Lion Bud, and Patrick Nysmsi Tchotet from Cameroon, who plans to join our Club.

After the meal, Lion Bud introduced our speaker, Kendrick Sterling, a 2012 graduate of Cypress Lakes High School, and founder of Do Something: Anti Bullying Foundation. Kendrick is a current college student, and works for CFID, with before and after school programs. His organization is a nonprofit, with 5013C status. He and fellow workers mentor kids to turn negative energy into positive energy. He meets with children on either end of bullying, can do home visits if necessary, and tries to stop bullying. Currently his program is in the Elementary and Middle Schools in the Cy-Fair School District, but with his upcoming program on Valentine's Day, he hopes to gain Student Ambassadors in High Schools also. He reported that 60% of all children have been bullied, but it is worse between grades 4 through 7. Girls also bully, but they are more verbal, where as boys are more physical with the abuse. He also addresses cyber bullying, which takes place over the computer and computer social media. He mentioned that several suicides have happened after children have been bullied. Children bully others to make up for their own low self esteem by making others feel smaller. Kendrick was a very outspoken young man, far wiser than his years. He plans to teach in CFISD after college.

Secretary's minutes were emailed and reported to be read by members.

Treasurer's report was given. We received another \$245 today from the Magic Show. We have cleared almost \$3000 from the Magic Show for doing virtually nothing. Lion Chuck advises that we again schedule the Magic Show, but in Aug. or Sept. and at a much cheaper venue.

Lion Bud has pamphlets for this summer's Texas Lions Camp sessions. Flyers have been put in the concession stand. It was explained to our guests, that the Texas Lions Camp is on 504 acres in Kerrville, owned by Lions throughout the state of Texas. We offer a week of Camp to Diabetic, Handicapped, cancer and burn victims, and children with Down's syndrome at no charge to the families.

Lion Chuck needs those Lions who agreed to bowl at the Lions Eye Bank Bowl-A-Thon to sign release forms so that we can get the application mailed in.

Lion Bud motioned that our Club schedule to work at the Texas Lions Camp again this year. Motion was seconded by Lion Chuck, with the date of March 28 being selected. Lion Bud will again contact the Camp and schedule this.

Lion Chuck reported that the Cy-Fair Sports Association has measured our awning over the concession window and it should be replaced within two weeks. They will also replace the tall netting on fields 3 and 4 to protect the pedestrian area better. Lion Chuck is still talking with them about treating us as a business.

Lion Paul reported about a 28 year old man who lives with his disabled grandparents, and has not had an eye exam in 12 years. The man himself is disabled. It was asked if he was on Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security, as these government programs provide for eye exams and glasses. President Paul will find our more information.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned by Lion Bud after a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary