

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday May 12, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 7

Guests: 5

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion Dorothy led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. There was no song in the absence of our song leader, and no one would volunteer to lead the singing. Lion Chuck introduced guests, Austin, Nathan, and Nicole Smith. Austin has been instrumental in the development of a Leos Club at Langham Creek High School. His brother, Nathan, will be the President of that Club. Lion Chuck reported that the Leo Club application has been mailed today. Guests Karen and Daniel Berry were introduced.

Daniel Berry works for RB Instruments and tonight spoke about Early Vision Screening. Vision disorders are the most prevalent disability, affecting 12.1 million children. Less than 20% of children of preschool age receive vision screening. Some vision problems, if left undetected and untreated, can cause blindness. Children are not aware that their sight is not optimal, and vision problems do not cause pain or inflammation to alert parents. Mr. Berry demonstrated the Plusoptix Vision Screener, a small hand held machine about the size of a Polaroid camera. In less than a second, this machine can detect vision problems, such as astigmatism, corneal reflexes, myopia, and farsightedness, and other conditions. Typical eye chart screening only checks for farsightedness. Screening needs to be away from direct sunlight, and free of distractions to the child. Hold the device about 3 feet from the child, level with the eyes. The screener should use a surf board stance to be able to rock closer or farther away as needed. If the machine detects pupils too small, turn the child away from the light, and have them wiggle their toes if possible. The machine automatically takes the photo and measurements. Results show Pass, Refer, or retry if unsatisfactory. The device can be used with a printer to print the results onto a label, which can be affixed to a form for referral to professional eye examination. Lions can help by becoming state certified vision screeners through the Texas website, and inform others about the importance of early vision screening to preserve and improve vision in very young children. The Plusoptix screener can screen infants as young as 6 months of age, to adults. The device is 99.9% accurate. Settings are adjustable to comply with different professional requirements/requests. It recalibrates each time it is turned on. One model will print to a printer or label maker, while the more expensive model connects to a computer and can download a large database. The smaller unit is HIPA compliant, as patient information need not be entered into the machine for use. It is important that those using such an early vision screener work closely with eye professionals within the area to provide follow up referral and care. The basic unit comes with power cord, rechargeable batteries and instruction manual. If purchased by a Lions Club, Mr. Berry would purchase and donate a label printer. Testing takes only half a second. He invited us to use and handle the machines after the business meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed out, read, and no corrections were made. Motion to accept minutes as sent was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion John, and passed.

Lion Chuck gave a brief Treasurer's report. We had 48 games at last weekend's baseball tournament, with over \$3000 taken in prior to expenses.

There will be an even larger tournament this weekend, with 77 games scheduled. We will need concession stand shifts covered, with at least three persons per shift. The future Leo members stated they would be willing to work at the concession stand.

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District will have a 75th Anniversary Appreciation luncheon on Thursday May 21, from 11:30 to 1PM. If you are willing or able to attend, please let Lions Paul and Stedman know.

Aeros and Autos car and plane show will be held this coming Saturday at Ellington Airport. Lions Chuck, Sandy, Bud and Dorothy will attend and work. This is a major fundraiser for our Texas Lions Camp.

The loblolly pine tree has been planted honoring PDG Lion Fred Hamilton. Lion Milly brought her post hole diggers, so Lion Chuck will install the bronze plaque. We will plan a brief dedication service for our next meeting, May 26. Lion Chuck will contact PDG Fred's children to be present.

Lion Chuck reported that one of our recycle bins has been collected by the recycling company, and there is now a large puddle of water where it once was. A plumber has been contacted to make sure there is not a broken water line in the area.

When the complex was without water for a few days, the water heater heating element was damaged. It has since been replaced, and we have hot water again. We were reminded to turn off the hot water tank at the switch on the wall if we ever loose water again to prevent burn out of the heating element.

The door lock on the concession stand door has been replaced, and works much better.

The Cy-Fair Sports Association has replaced the canopy above the concession stand window with one to match our meeting room entrance. Unfortunately, they have not yet replaced the high netting to prevent stray baseballs from raining down on the canopy and spectators, but promise to put it up as soon as weather allows.

President Paul reported that at the last PSC meeting, Dr. Carolyn Ezell, sister of Lion Betty, spoke on grief and grief counseling. He passed around the pamphlet for all to review.

Lion Chuck requested that a committee be appointed to work on the Magic Show, to find a cheaper venue, and a different date than the Christmas holiday season, perhaps in the fall. Lions Stedman and Bud will work on this project. It was suggested perhaps we only do one show instead of two, but it was noted that the magician did not charge by the show.

New officer installation is still being worked on, as the newly elected District Governor and Vice Governors will be in Hawaii at International convention on the date of our usual induction program. Lion Paul will continue to find an officer, and we will probably need to have the program be in July, rather than the end of June.

With no further business, Lion Bud led us in a hearty Lions Roar to close the meeting. Afterwards, all were invited to handle and inspect the two Plusoptix Early Vision Screeners Mr. Berry brought.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary