

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday July 14, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 10

Guests: 5

President Paul called the meeting to order promptly. He requested that we have a moment of silent prayer for his grandnephew, Carter Yackley, age 9, who just had his third open heart surgery and is not doing well. Pledges were led by Lion Bud. Lion Clayton gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing his favorite song, "Oh Beautiful, Beautiful Texas". Guests were introduced: Sara Dupree, daughter and transportation for Lion Clayton, who his still not permitted to drive after his bypass surgery last month; Diego Blanco and Kim Westerman, guests of Lion Bud, and Grace Sivil and Kent Clingerman of Harris County Precinct 4.

After the meal, President Paul welcomed Kent Clingerman, who has worked for County Commissioner Jack Cagle since Dec. 1, 2014. Grace Sivils has been with the Commissioner's office for the past month. Mr. Clingerman reported that he has lived his entire life in Harris County. He said he loves coming to Lions Club meetings because we always have friendly people and great food. He discussed some of the many programs and activities available to citizens within Precinct 4, such as Senior Bus Trips to various sights and activities. Many of these leave from the library just across the Bane parking lot from our building. He discussed the monthly Senior newsletter to which we can subscribe via email. He discussed the Spring Creek Greenway project, which will be along Spring Creek and connect many different parks along its route with hike and bike trails, and paddle trails, connecting about 40 miles of creek between Humble and Tomball. He discussed the need for Adopt a Highway where an organization can volunteer to pick up trash along a mile of county road. We were informed of the Hazardous Waste Disposal facility just across West Little York from Bane Park where we can dispose of paint, oil, outdated pharmaceuticals, tires, batteries etc, at no cost to us. We were informed of the website at www.hcp4.net to sign up for the various free information available. He urged us to advertise our Lions Club projects on their website. Mr. Clingerman explained the main purpose of the County Precinct 4 is road and bridge maintenance. All citizens are requested to notify the Precinct immediately at 281-353-8424 if we notice the following hazards: a stop sign or street light down or missing, trees across the roadway, or a manhole cover missing. Citizens are urged to call to report the need for pothole repair, curb repair, tree trimming around power lines, water pooling in the street, etc. Lion Chuck asked what Lions can do to volunteer. Mr. Clingerman reported help is always needed for Senior bus trips, park maintenance, and other areas.

Secretary's minutes were emailed to all, read, and no corrections needed. Motion by Lion Sandy, seconded by Lion Chuck to accept the minutes as written was passed.

Lion Chuck reported that "we have money." He reviewed the 2015-2016 proposed budget for our Club, outlining where our monies are obtained and spent. Motion to accept the 2015-2016 Administration budget was proposed by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion John, and passed. The Charity and Bike Ride accounts were then reviewed, with questions answered. Motion to accept the Charity and Bike Ride Budgets as proposed was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Dorothy, and passed.

President Paul asked all to please pay their current dues statements which were given to present members, and will be mailed to those not in attendance.

Lion Chuck reported that there is no baseball scheduled for the remainder of July or August, but should start again in September.

Lion Chuck discussed our payment to the various optometrists we use for needy children in the Cy-Fair School District. We have been paying the same amount for at least the past 20 years. Lion Sandy spoke with Robinson Vision and Matrix Vision, who reported they are content with our current payment policy, as they consider their exam as charity. What is charged to the general public is not the actual cost of the glasses and lenses. Therefore, Lion Chuck did not budget an increase in payments for school eyeglasses.

President Paul reported that the Navasota Lions Club has purchased an Early Vision Screener to be donated to their school district.

Lion Chuck reported on the grant request to LCI for purchase of an Early Vision Screener. At least 3 Lions Clubs need to go together for this grant, which must be submitted at least three months prior to schedule LCIF Board meetings, which means we probably would not be approved until early next year. President Paul reported that the Klein Lions Club has agreed to go in with us on the purchase of the Early Vision Screener, but he has not been able to contact the President of the Katy Lions Club. Lion Chuck reported that their President has had numerous eye surgeries, and he may do better to contact the Secretary instead. A discussion of us purchasing the screener without going through the LCIF Grant process ensued, and a brief BOD meeting to further discuss was called for immediately after tonight's meeting.

Lion Chuck urged all Club members to attend the President and Secretary's Council Meeting at China Bear Restaurant the first Wed. of each month in support of President Paul, who will be chairman this year.

President Paul read an email requesting housing for foreign exchange students. It was suggested he contact DG Noah Speer to see if the District still has an exchange student coordinator.

Lion Bud reported helping a woman obtain an eye exam and glasses through Dr. Robinson. The woman had eye surgery, which failed, and then she lost her job due to her vision problems, and could not afford new glasses. She was very appreciative of our gift.

Lion Stedman reported that the magician has tentatively scheduled the Magic Show for Tues. Sept. 29 at the Berry Center. He reported that the High Schools do not rent out facilities like theaters for fund raisers. It was asked if the cost of the Berry Center would be less if we only did one show. It was discussed that Tues. was a school night, and other school activities are in progress. Lion Stedman reported that the magician has done weeknight shows previously without problem. Lion Bud asked if we could do Vision screening at the Magic Show. It was explained we would need to complete the state certification prior to doing, and did not know if Mr. Berry would be available to do the screening for us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 after a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary