

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 8

Guests: 6

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:03 PM, after Lion Chuck requested a short pause as he was checking the current baseball schedule. Diego Blanca led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Lion Paul requested that guests be introduced. Stacey Rieger, guest of Lion Amanda, is a Sign Language Interpreter and will help with tonight's camper program. Diego Blanca has turned in application for membership. It was pointed out that President Paul forgot to request a song from Lion Don, who said we would just not sing tonight.

Lion Sandy introduced Camper Emily Calles, and her father, Ray. Emily has been going to Texas Lions Camp for many years, and unfortunately, this was her last year. She previously thought 2012 was her best year at Camp, until this year. She said the Counselors made Camp wonderful. She wants to become a Counselor in a couple of years. She reported that she liked the way people, the counselors, and other campers did not see any disabilities, especially those who are deaf. She learned a lot of sign language at Camp, and is currently enrolled in an American Sign Language course at Lone Star College. What she didn't like at Camp was having to get up early. She liked the rest period best, when she could get a nap. She has always enjoyed the International counselors. Dad Ray commented that his wife was able to check on Emily via the Facebook page. Emily's older sister also attended Texas Lions Camp for many years. Ray said it is a great program that instills confidence in the children.

Lion Amanda introduced Mr. and Mrs. Skipper, who are deaf. They have three children who attended Texas Lions Camp this year, but all are at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. Their daughters, Danielle, age 11, and Jasmine, age 10, have attended TLC for 4 and 3 years respectively. Son, Jake, age 7, attended for the first time this year. Both girls love the arts programs, while Jake loved everything about Camp. He was presented two awards at the Awards Ceremony, one for being so helpful to kids in wheelchairs. Dad Daniel reported that he attended Texas Lions Camp from ages 8-16, and loved it. Wife Jazmin, attended only one year. He discussed changes he has seen in the Camp over the years, the most noticeable being the much larger cafeteria, a walking trail, and the new concession stand behind the ceremony plaza. When asked what the parents did without the kids for a week, Daniel reported that he rode his motorcycle, and wife Jazmin just enjoyed the peace and quiet. They will be moving to Austin to be closer to the children at the School for the Deaf. It was pointed out that we can help them find a Lions Club to sponsor the children to Texas Lions Camp once they get moved.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all, who reported having read them. There were no corrections. Motion to accept minutes as sent was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Clayton, and passed.

Lion Chuck gave a brief Treasurer's Report. We have money in the bank. Thursday he will make another deposit for the Magic Show.

Lion Bud passed out tickets for the Magic Show, reminding us that we get to keep all the funds from these ticket sales. The Magic Show will be held Tues. Sept. 29 at 7PM at the Berry Center.

The Bike Ride will be Sunday Oct. 4, 2015. A signup sheet for various jobs was passed around. We need more people for Sunday morning registration, and on Saturday to divide and pack the rest stop supplies at Lion Chuck's home. We still need 2 corner marshals. Workers are to be at the Montgomery High School Athletic Complex by 6:30 AM the day of the ride. ALL Lions are to participate.

The Bob Dowden Dinner will be Wed. Oct. 7 at the Grand Palace in Spring, benefiting the Texas Lions Camp. All were reminded that there will be a hand quilted quilt for auction, so save their dollars.

Lion Paul discussed a letter from the Boy Scouts of America wanting to present us with a plaque for our contribution.

Baseball starts this weekend, with probably 11 games on Sunday. Games will start at 11:30AM and be done by 9PM.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55PM. Tail Twister collected \$5.67 in assorted fines and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary