

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Sept. 22, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 13

Guests: 57

President Paul called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "Oh Beautiful, Beautiful Texas". He then led in singing "Happy Birthday" to Lion Sandy. Guests of Lions were introduced: Bob Rugor, guest of Lion Bud, who heard about all that Lions do, and wants to become a member of our Club, and Christy, friend of Lion Amanda, who has a child with Type 1 Diabetes and wanted to hear what parents and campers had to say about the Diabetic Sessions at Texas Lions Camp.

After everyone was fed, President Paul reported that we would dispense with the regular meeting minutes, etc. Lion Sandy called on each of the 16 diabetic campers to tell us about their experience at TLC, what they liked, didn't like, learned, and the parents experience with the Camp. All were very appreciative of having their child spend a week as a normal child at a regular camp. Many of the children expressed gratefulness at being just like one of the many other campers, not made to feel like they were different. There were six children at TLC for the very first time, and they all had a wonderful time. For three of the kids, this was their last year to attend Camp, but they said they would apply as Medics and Councilors when they turned 18. It was a very enjoyable meeting, and lots of energy and good times were shared.

The Porter family presented a beautiful fern plant to the Club in appreciation of sending their son to Texas Lions Camp. Lion Bud presented Lion Sandy with a lovely live plant in a fall planter and decorations for her birthday, and to say thanks for all she does.

Lion Chuck gave an "advertisement", explaining that to earn money; the Club operates a concession stand at the other end of our building, with baseball running nine months of the year. He encouraged families to come and work one weekend a month with us. He discussed the upcoming Bike Ride, Oct. 4, and said there are still jobs to be filled. Lion Becca urged guests to work during the bike ride, passing out drinks and snacks to the riders as they cycled through the rest stops on the various routes. Our Christmas Food Basket program was discussed, how the Scouts do food drives, and we purchase other needed food items, and hand deliver over 50 bushel baskets of food to needy families within the Cy-Fair School District. The upcoming Bob Dowden Dinner, which benefits the Texas Lions Camp, will be held on Wed. Oct. 7 in Spring. It consists of a meal, then live and silent auctions. Lion Stedman discussed the upcoming Environmental Photo Contest due Dec. 11, with themes of animals, plants, weather or erosion. Details are on the District website. Also on Oct. 10 there will be wildflower planting at various parks in the area.

President Paul requested a Board of Directors Meeting to follow. Lion Don led us in a roaring Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary