

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

Members: 9

Guests: 1

Vice President Becca opened the meeting in President Paul's absence. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Milly gave prayer. Tail Twister Lion Don is absent tonight, as he was worn out from eye doctor and dental appointments today. Lions Bud and Dorothy are absent due to his appointments at the VA Hospital in Houston. He will have surgery to remove a tumor on his neck later this week. 1st Vice Distinct Governor Betty Ezell is in the hospital after suffering a minor heart attack, having an angiogram today.

Guests Bob Rugur and wife Merrell were introduced. They have applied for membership.

VP Becca reported that she is filling in for President Paul, who is home with his father-in-law while his wife attends an important meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members. Lion Chuck had some grammatical corrections, which were corrected electronically. Motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Milly, and passed.

The Treasurer reported that all bills have been paid, we have money in the bank, and all fund raisers have been profitable. Report to be filed for audit.

Lion Becca reported on the Bobcat Scout Day for disadvantaged Scouts which we helped to fund. She reported that it was a huge success, and the Soaring Eagle District thanks us for our donation. She also took 50 Webelos camping in the rain of last weekend.

Lion Chuck reported that the credit card machine we have agreed to lease has been approved and should be delivered later this week. He will then instruct all Lions on its use. Perhaps at a later time, we will be able to pay our Club dues on line.

Lion Sandy reported that the KidSight Early Vision Screening Program has been screening children in three different Day Care Centers, with 79 children screened, and 11 of those referred for complete eye examinations. We also conducted Vision Screening at Prairie View A&M University in collaboration with the Prairie View A&M Lions Club. Fifty-four persons were screened there, with 18 being referred. Upon questioning, some of the students reported that they knew they were to wear glasses, but lost them, or forgot them, or they just don't wear them. The importance of proper eye care was stressed to them. One PVAM student reported knowing about a corneal problem but did not have funds to have a replacement. Lion Chuck discussed with her the Lions' Eye Bank of Texas, and advised her to contact them for her care.

There will be a baseball tournament this weekend, with approximately 25 games. There is a good possibility of severe rain however. President Paul will schedule concession stand shifts if we are not rained out.

Lion Milly reported that she would love to do a simple exercise program for us, but needs to know ahead of time so that she can bring her equipment.

Lion Chuck reported that President Paul asked him to bring up that a member of this Club has requested that our Club provide eye examination and glasses for his mother who is visiting. President Paul has offered to contact Lions Clubs in the area in which she lives. President Paul has also offered to donate money from his pocket towards getting her glasses. Lion Chuck reported that it has been the policy of our Club that for adult request for eyeglasses, we send them to the University of Houston Ophthalmology Department through the District. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion John, motioned that we provide this person with a voucher to U of H for eye examination and glasses. Motion passed. Lion Chuck reported that the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club purchased 80-100 pairs of eyeglasses and exams for children within the Cy-Fair School District each year. These are handled through the school nurses, and the four optometrists with whom we have contract.

Lion Chuck reported that Lion Sandy received a call from a local Vision Works about payment for two girls' eyeglasses. It seems the girls had eye exams elsewhere, but wanted to go there for glasses. By the time they were done choosing their eyeglasses, transition lenses, etc, the cost for both pair of

glasses was over \$1300. Lion Sandy contacted the CFISD head nurse, who helped with the investigation. The eyeglasses were not ordered. The policy between our Club and the CFISD has been tightened and clarified. Lion Chuck reported that the Conroe Noon Lions Club can manufacture simple glasses at a cost of \$18.00 per pair.

Upcoming projects: Christmas Cheer Baskets were discussed. Lion Becca proposed that we purchase 2 half bushel baskets instead of one larger basket, as it is much easier to carry the lighter baskets. Lion Terry reported that Lion Dorothy has started collecting cloth bags, and urged us to do the same, to be used for the Christmas foods. Lion Becca requested an increase in the Club budget for food and supplies for this year's Cheer Baskets. Lion Chuck advised that she first come up with a final budget as we have time yet. Scouts will again do community food drives for specific food items. There are now three different Scout Districts within the Cy-Fair School area, and other districts want to join in on the food drives. Foods will be delivered to the Lion's Den, and on Thursday Dec. 17, we will assemble the food baskets and have a cookie swap that night.

We will again participate in the Jersey Village Holiday in the Park event, Sunday December 6 from 1-4 PM at Clark Henry Park, off Philippine Street. We plan to do vision screening for children. Lion Becca will procure a canopy with sides to provide a darkened area for the screening. We may need a small quiet generator to provide power for the computer and scanner for the screening referrals. In the past, we have had persons guess the number of candies in a jar, and awarded a gift card to the winner. This has provided contact information for prospective members. The Lions Camp display was available at our booth.

Lion Terry reported that she will email the Wreaths Across America forms to everyone. We explained to new members Bob and Merrell about the lives wreaths being placed on the graves of service men and women at the National Cemetery, how moving the ceremony is, and how beautiful it looks after the wreaths are placed. Lion Terry suggested we sell wreaths at Ace Hardware, and she will set that up with them as to a date and time. Members were urged to check our webpage and Facebook pages.

Our District Governor's meeting in December 8 will feature First Vice District Governor Mark Roth, as DG Noah had a glitch with this email, and is previously scheduled for that evening. Installation of new members will be conducted that evening.

Lion Sandy discussed that Wish Lists for Christmas gifts for needy children will be handed out at the PSC meeting on Wed. Nov. 4. All persons who wish to buy gifts for these children should let Lion Sandy know as soon as possible so she knows how many Christmas Wish List cards to get.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Lion Clayton led us in a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary