

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Jan.12, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 4

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion Kim led the pledges to the flags. Lion Clayton gave prayer. There was no song, as Lion Don had another procedure in his eye today and did not feel up to attending tonight's meeting. Guests were introduced: Keith Blaies who found our Club through the internet and is interested in joining us, Obediah Nylander, who was a former Lion and now living in the area, Karsumo Siefra who visited our Club in December, along with Seth Roberts, a former member of the Copperfield Lions Club. All were heartily welcomed.

Our program tonight was our own Milly Spencer. She had a Senior exercise video but unfortunately we could not get the equipment to cooperate. She led us in several gentle stretching exercises using a stretchy cord, then some simple Tia Chi exercises. She got our blood pumping without wearing us out.

Secretary reported that minutes of the last meeting had been emailed. There were no reported additions or corrections. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bob, motioned that the minutes be accepted as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given. The credit card machine is now available for dues payments.

Lion Chuck discussed the renting of our meeting facility to a church for services for several Sunday evenings while their building is undergoing renovations. He also reported that Jones Road Tree service will be trimming the large live oak by the picnic tables, the live oak tree for PID Howard Leverett, and the two crape myrtles near the back door.

President Paul passed around Thank You notes from the children of Boys and Girls Country that we sent to our Magic Show in September.

MidWinter Conference was discussed. The date is Saturday Jan. 23. Registration opens at 8AM, with the actual conference starting at 9AM. The fee of \$20 included continental breakfast and lunch. You can sign up on the District website at lions2s2.org. Registration closes on Friday Jan. 15. This is great conference for new Lions and old Lions to attend. Several different presenters will review how Lions Clubs were started, and various monumental occurrences throughout the years. There will be an outstanding guest speaker at lunch. This conference will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at the corner of Westview and Wirt. A quilt made by Lion Sandy honoring our Texas Lions Camp will be auctioned at the MidWinter conference. All proceeds will go to the Camp.

The annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest is about to start. Children all over the world draw a poster expressing the same theme. We have never had anyone take an interest in this project. They would need to visit various Jr. High Schools, talking with principals and art teachers, and encourage children to make a poster. We need to decide if we want to do this soon, as the Poster Kit is now available for sale. We need someone to go to the schools and recruit students.

President Paul discussed the District Dictionary Project. Our Lions District has been given enough dictionaries for each third grade child to receive one. Lion Bud is contacting the various elementary schools to get permission to distribute the dictionaries.

We could possibly get some publicity from this project. We will need Lions to help distribute the dictionaries to the schools later.

Lion Dorothy reported that the Venture Crew will be receiving an award on Jan. 23, and thought our Club should attend. She thought that a table for 8 would be \$125. Lion Chuck motioned, seconded by Lion Dorothy, that we purchase a table and be present at this function. We sponsor the Venture Crew Scout Troop. Lion Bud has signed their charter for 2016.

Lion Chuck reported that the canopy over our meeting room door is torn with age and needs replacing. He has called around and Accent Sign and Awning can replace it for \$1550. Motion to replace it made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bud, and passed.

Lion Chuck reported that the extended warranty for our Plusoptix vision screening camera is \$295/yr. He had hoped Lion Daniel had been here to discuss this, so he will table it for now.

Lion Sandy showed the sample KidSight Vision Screening shirt which was custom made. Also the purple work shirts were shown to members. Our Club will purchase these for active Lions to wear to meetings, work the concession stand, or vision screening. Please see Secretary Sandy to order your size and color of shirt.

Lion Chuck reported that the Christmas Tree Fairy came and took down the Christmas tree, but placed all the ornaments in a bushel basket. After the meeting, anyone who could help box the ornaments are welcome to do so.

There will be a brief Board of Directors meeting after the meeting.

With no further business, Lion Chuck led us in a Lions Roar at adjournment at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary