

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 17

Guests: 2

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Guests were introduced: Pat Yackley, President Paul's mother and former Lion from Illinois; Karsumo Siefa, Fousseni Sanogo, and Keith Blaise, all of whom have applied for membership to our Club, and Keith's wife Julie, who is visiting for the first time. Lion Don was absent because his wife Marie fell and has staples in her head, therefore there was no song.

There was no program.

Secretary reported that minutes from the last meeting were emailed to everyone. There were no reported corrections or errors. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion John, to accept the minutes as presented passed.

Treasurer's report was given. All bills have been paid. Fifty three Christmas Cheer Baskets were distributed. The trees in front of the building have been trimmed. A new canopy for the front of the building has been ordered. Building repair costs have been higher than expected.

Lion Chuck reported that the signed lease has been received from the Cy-Fair Sports Association, which is good until 12-31-2020.

Baseball tournaments will start in February. Please be ready to work the Concession Stand when asked. The Secretary will send out a new roster once the new members are paid up.

Six members of our Club attended the District 2-S2 MidWinter Conference. Karsumo enjoyed learning the history of Lions Clubs, and the food. Lion Bud praised Lion Chuck for his Guiding Lions talk.

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club received a Partner Award from the Soaring Eagle District of Boy Scouts of America. Lions Bud, Dorothy, Chuck and Sandy attended, with Lion Becca there with the Scouts. We were recognized for our partnership with Scouts in allowing the use of our facility for various activities, from their picnic, to the pinewood derby races, etc. Lion Bud has the plaque at his office and will bring at the next meeting.

Lion Chuck discussed the need for Guiding Lions. These are seasoned Lions who commit to two years with a newly established Lions Club, attending all their meetings and board meetings, offering guidance and suggestions but not running the new Club. New Lions Clubs who have had the services of two Guiding Lions are healthier, and still in business. Please contact Lion Chuck at 281-685-6322 if you would like to become certified. Lions Bud and Dorothy will renew their certification.

We have 10 or more new members who need formal induction yet.

Lion Stedman thanked all who participated in the District Environmental Photo Contest. He had 20 entries, with two from our Club. He randomly selected Lions at the MidWinter Conference to judge the photos based on standard criteria. He reminded us there will be a major environmental service project in April.

Lion Bud discussed the District Dictionary Project. PDG Paul Eads of the Heights Lions Club is in charge of this. Dictionaries for ALL third grade students have been donated to the district by a company in Virginia. Lion Bud was given a list of

eleven elementary schools to contact about receiving these gifts. So far, he as 9 schools accepting, with 2 schools declining, for a total of 1492 dictionaries. Those schools which declined stated that kids have access to dictionaries on line, but it was noted that perhaps not all children have internet access at home. Lions need to distribute the books to the children. Books are to have a label for the child's name, and identify our Club as the donor.

President Paul passed around an email between Lion Sandy and a member of the Katy Lions Club about what is involved in the Peace Poster Contest. Lion Sandy can forward the complete email to anyone interested. Lion Amanda has been sent a copy of the email.

President Paul reported that he received today an email stating that PDG Cliff Burke was in hospice care now. Keep Lions Cliff and Kay in your thoughts and prayers.

Under new business, Lion Chuck reported that the District has purchased a Plusoptix Vision Camera like ours. He requests anyone interested in serving on a committee to determine how to share the camera between 57 clubs. Screeners will need to be certified by the manufacturer of the equipment and through the state to conduct vision screenings. Lions District 2-S3 has procedures for district use of a camera that we may use as a starting point. Lion Chuck hopes that this vision screening committee can be a subcommittee of the Lions Foundation for Sight. All interested in serving on this committee, please contact Lion Chuck.

Lion Dorothy reported that she was contacted by a college student who wants service hours through our Club. She could possibly work during Vision Screening as well as the concession stand.

Lion Chuck reported that the Leos Club in Langham Creek High School never really got started. The student who initiated it, graduated, and thought his brother would take up the project. The teacher advisor at the school has some freshman interested, so there is hope that a Leos Club can be started there next fall.

With no further business, Lion John tried to lead us in a much uncoordinated Roar.

Lion Terry collected \$10.50 by passing the pot during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary