

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

Members: 15

Guests: 6

President Paul opened the meeting a little late to wait for a guest who was lost. Lion Bud led the pledges to the flags. Keith Blaies gave prayer. Lion Chuck reported that Lion Don went to the eye doctor today and had another shot in his eye, and did not feel up to attending the meeting. Therefore, there was no song.

Guests were introduced: Jung Woo, a computer science major at Cy-Fair Lone Star College, Susan Domingo, a nursing student major also at Cy-Fair Lone Star, and Marlin Moonsammy, another Cy-Fair Lone Star student. They will be working for volunteering hours at the vision screenings and baseball. Seth Roberts was a member of the now defunct Houston Copperfield Lions Club. Faye Dupree, wife of Lion Clayton, was also present.

The Secretary reported that minutes to the last meeting were e-mailed to all members. There were no corrections or mistakes reported. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion John, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. "We have money in the bank." All bills have been paid.

Lion Chuck reported that there will not be a President's Day Baseball Tournament this year, as not enough teams signed up.

Flags on the flagpole have been repaired and cleaned.

Lion Chuck reported that we are now renting out our building every Sunday evening for several months to come.

President Paul reported a scheduling conflict with our meeting room, where the Scouts and the baseball umpires both had permission to use the building on the same night and time, but scheduled by two different people. It was advised that we ask our Webmaster to devise a calendar on which a single person can schedule, and then the public can also see what days and times are available for rental. Lion Sandy will contact our Webmaster.

Lion Chuck passed out a spreadsheet of the items used and sold at the concession stand, and the profit we make on each item. We have not raised our concession stand prices in five or more years. The profit of the apple slices is only a guess, as we could not remember how many bags of apples we can get from one container of apple slices. It was pointed out that Star Burst candies are considerably more than expensive than other similar candies, and it was recommended that we just not purchase that candy anymore. The cost of packages of bubble gum was higher than anticipated due to the higher cost of the zip snack baggies which Sam's does not carry, and has to be bought at a local grocery store. Members were asked to review the information and please suggest any changes so that they can be implemented before we start baseball this season.

President Paul reminded us of the Eye Bank of Texas Bowl-a-Thon on Saturday Feb. 27 at the Palisades Bowling Alley on Bellaire Ave. We have purchased a team of four Club members, who will get a shirt with our Club name on it. Lions John, Keith, Kim, and Diego will bowl for us. This is a lot of fun just to go and watch our team. There are lots of door prizes, it is great to mix with other Lions Club members of our District.

Texas Lions Camp Workday was discussed. The Venture Crew can only go on Saturday April 2. Lodging can be in the Camp bunks for free, or at any of the local motels, or at a beautiful park with camping just across the river. The Camp needs to know how many are going as they will provide

breakfast and lunch on that Saturday. We will also be assigned a work area. Lion Keith said he would be the coordinator, and could also go in April. Chuck and Sandy could go if not needed for baseball.

Lion Bud discussed the District Dictionary Project. The books for the 11 elementary schools contacted have been ordered. There will be labels for the front of the books noting that our Lions Club donated it, and a place for the child's name. This year there is no cost to us for the dictionaries. Lion Chuck asked Lion Bud to find out the cost of the books so that he can put it in the budget for next year.

President Paul discussed a problem getting a motion passed by email. Anyone with something to be brought to a vote needs to first send it to the President, and if he/she deems worthy, will pass it on to the Secretary who will send the information out to the Club members or to the Board of Directors as directed. This procedure is to be followed from now on.

At the last Presidents and Secretaries Council Meeting, Lion Larry Smith gave a presentation on the Leader Dog Program. Leader Dog Program is 75 years old, and they want to make improvements to their facilities. The state Council of Governors, composed of the 16 District Governors in Texas, have earmarked \$130,000 for this improvement. Our District will be holding a dinner/auction similar to the Bob Dowden Dinner. This Leader Dog fundraiser will be in May 6, 2016. We are looking for auction items.

President Paul discussed the upcoming White Cane Day. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club used to collect funds from the general public at street corners or at businesses. More recently we have just donated a portion of the concession stand proceeds that weekend towards the White Cane project. Lion Chuck retrieved a baggie of the little white canes with red tip that used to be given to those who donate at our collection site to show everyone what the little mini white canes looked like.

President Paul passed around the plaque presented to the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club by the Soaring Eagle Scout District recently. Only one organization a year is chosen for this honor and this is our second time to receive this award. It will be housed in the display case.

President Paul presented Lion Chuck with his 5 member membership key for recruiting 5 members who stayed in the club at least a year and a day.

Lion Sandy reported that the Club polo shirts are ready to be ordered.

Vision Screening openings were discussed and Lions and guests urged to fill in where needed.

A note from Texas Lions Camp Director Scott Perry was read. He thanked our Club for all that we donated for auction at the Bob Dowden Dinner last fall, where \$11,000 was raised for the Camp.

Lions Keith and Merrell discussed the Peace Poster Contest. They have been in contact with the Peace Poster Coordinator of the Katy Lions Club and are starting to interest schools in our area. The Secretary will order one Peace Poster kit for now.

With no further business, Lion John dismissed us with a Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary