

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 13

Guests: 6

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Clayton gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "Oh Beautiful, Beautiful Texas". Guests were introduced: 2nd Vice District Governor Betty Ezell, District Governor Noah Speer, Marie Robinson wife of Lion Don, Emily Peterson daughter of Lion John, Tyler Gardner who is looking for a Lions Club to join as he was a former Leo Club member, and Nahid Poonawalla wife of Lion Mazher.

2nd Vice District Governor Betty introduced hard working Lion District Governor Noah Speer. Governor Noah then proceeded to hand out chevrons for long time Lions: Lion Bud Casey 35 years and Lion Kamal 25 years (she was not present to receive it). DG Noah then gave each Lion present one of his personal pins, and explained the design, discussing how Lions around the world do many different projects, and stressed that "we are not by ourselves in our Clubs and Districts." Governor Noah then passed out two sided coins for members who have sponsored a new member in this fiscal year. He reminded all that the District Convention will be held Saturday April 23 and encouraged all to attend this one day function. To his knowledge, this will be the first time our District will conduct a Service Project during the Convention. There will be a food drive, with two challenges. Each Zone will compete against other Zones in the District. The Zone with the largest weight of food donated per person attending the convention will be able to designate which Lions charity will receive the prize of \$250. Members of the Past District Governors Association will also compete in this contest. All food collected will go to a local food bank. "Clubs that have fun together stay together." The guest speaker at the District Convention will be a young Lion from Tennessee, who is a dynamic speaker. Governor Noah reported that in the Sunday March 27 Houston Chronicle, District 2-S2 Lions will be featured in the Houston Gives section. There will be voting for the next three weeks for part of a drawing for paid advertisement in the newspaper. This is a great opportunity to let people know about Lions, to increase our visibility, and hopefully in increase membership. The International Lions Club Convention will be held in Japan, and the State Convention in Midland. There will be hands on service projects at the State Convention.

Governor Noah then told that he joined Lions in 1981, and shortly thereafter went on a mission trip to Haiti to help with vision surgeries. They were not able to do this service in Haiti, so went to Belize, where Lions and other volunteers worked in a very old, ill equipped hospital. He got to watch the actual surgeries, and built a table for the patients to lie on out of native mahogany wood. The doctor who headed this trip taught others to do skills and to become leaders. "Lions learn leadership through service." He described some of the eye surgeries he witnessed. Last Saturday, Governor Noah attended the Beep Easter Egg Hunt in Deer Park for blind children. He discussed how the various elected directors to our various charities visit Clubs and inform new members of the serviced those charities provide.

President Paul then presented Governor Noah with a letter explaining that the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has purchased a Visionary Ambassadorship Award for Governor Noah, for which he thanked us.

Secretary reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were emailed. All reported having read them. There were no corrections or errors. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer gave report.

Lion Chuck presented the ballot for officers for 2016-2017. They are:
Director for 2 years: Becca Franco and Mazher Poonawalla

Membership Chair: Bud Casey

Lion Tamer: Stedman Douglas

Tail Twister: Don Robinson

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Vice President: Keith Blaise

President: Paul Yackley

Fulfilling the second year as Director: Terry Alderman and Dorothy Casey

Per protocol, the ballot will be presented again prior to elections at the next meeting.

There was a baseball tournament this past weekend and unfortunately many of the games were moved to another field. There will be a tournament this coming weekend, and we will need concession stand workers from 9AM to 9PM. President Paul will secure workers. Please help.

Lion Keith discussed the upcoming Camp Work Day the weekend of April 2. We have been assigned to stain fences at Frontier Village. It was suggested we purchase bug sprayers for spraying stain, paint brushes, drop cloths, and breathing protectors.

For the District Convention, our Club needs two delegates to vote on changes to the constitution. Lions Paul and Sandy volunteered, with Lion Keith as an alternate. Lions Chuck and Don will also vote as Past District Governors. We still have one alternate delegate, so if anyone else is interested, please email the secretary to get your name on the form for voting.

Dictionaries were given to 3rd Graders in 12 different elementary schools. Thank you notes from M. Robinson Elementary students and from the Principal of Postma Elementary were passed around for all to see.

We received a patch for our banner for another 100% Contribution year from the Texas Lions Camp.

Club shirts and Vision Screening shirts have arrived. Please pick up yours tonight. The purple shirts can be worn to meeting in place of the vest, or for any service project for our Club.

Lion Keith reported that the administrator of the Cy-Fair Schools does not want to participate in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. No reason was given.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary