

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

Members: 12

Guests: 4

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion Karen led the pledges to the flags. There was no song as our song leader, Lion Don, is facing a knee replacement and not here tonight. No one else volunteered to sing. Lion Stedman gave prayer. Guests were introduced, Susan Blaise, sister of Lion Keith, Nancy Thomas, guest of Lion Karen, and Kylie and mom Maria Miller, guests of Lion Sandy.

Kylie Miller was our guest speaker. She reported that she is 10 years old and “a normal girl who happens to have Type 1 Diabetes.” She said she has been selected as a finalist for the Miss Texas Pre Teen National American Miss contest. She has undergone interviews, but will this pageant does not have swimsuit or allow make up for teens under age 14. She plans to make people aware of Type 1 Diabetes during her speech at the pageant. Kylie asked the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club to” partner up” with her in this endeavor.

Mom Maria said she will need \$480 minimum to participate in June. Finals will be held here in Houston. Thirty percent of her score will be from public speaking and interviews. When asked how she got started in this, Kylie explained that her mom had entered her in contests as a baby, and she thought it would be fun to continue now that she is older. Maria explained that Kylie will compete in 5 different categories, and do a public service project which is assigned by the state, delivering books to the disadvantaged.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, and passed.

Treasurer’s report was given. This past weekend baseball tournament was an all time record in sales and credit card receipts. It was noted that the Magic Show Account has been used to pay for our Club shirts.

Nomination of officers for 2016-2017 were read by Lion Chuck.

President: Paul Yackley

Vice President: Keith Blaise

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Tail Twister: C. Don Robinson

Lion Tamer: Stedman Douglas

Membership Chair: Bud Casey

2 year Director: Becca Franco and Mazher Poonawalla

Fulfilling their second years as directors will be Terry Aldermen and

Dorothy Casey

Motion was made by Lion Chuck to accept the slate of officers as read, seconded by Lion Bob, and passed. Secretary will report these to International.

There will be no baseball tournament this weekend, but there will be games during the week.’

Lion's District 2-S2 Convention will be Sat. April 23, with continental breakfast, Past District Governor's Achievement Award luncheon, and dinner with a speaker. The last day to register is Saturday, there will be no registrations taken at the door.

We have been informed that our Club is due three delegates based on membership for voting at the District Convention. Those who volunteered to vote are Lions Paul, Sandy, and Keith.

Lion Chuck reported that he has been contacted about an Anti-Bullying Kick Ball Tournament which wants to use two of our fields and would like us to run concessions. Details are not complete, but it would be late in May. Details are not finalized yet.

Lion Keith reported on Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp. It was very successful in that we completed our project which was to paint/stain Frontier Village, a fake storefront of approximately 200 feet in length and 20 feet high. The back is a covered paved pavilion where we painted all the roof support poles. Lion Chuck reported that Lion Keith did a wonderful job of organizing this project. Everyone felt it would take much longer to complete it, but we were done in time for lunch. Lions Keith and Chuck rode in the "people lifter", maneuvering to get to the top of the building. The bug sprayers were a big success at getting stain in a large area, which then was smoothed out with a paint brush. Lion Keith reported that the best part was the 'snore fest' the night before in the bunkhouse. The Camp is on 504 acres in Kerrville. Three Work Day weekends are scheduled each year. This was the largest group ever to attend, with over 500 volunteers. Camp CEO Steven Mabray commented that if you took the 500 volunteers times 6 hours of work times minimum wage, that is the amount of money we saved the Texas Lions Camp this weekend alone.

Lion Bud reported that he has sponsored three campers, all diabetic.

Lion Paul reported that the Presidents and Secretary's Council Meeting is held the 1st Wed. of each month, but will NOT be held in May. Instead, there will be a fundraiser for Leader Dogs at the Grand Palace in Spring, where the Bob Dowden Dinner was held. There will be live and silent auctions, and there will be an actual Leader Dog and its human at the activity. Leader Dogs is expanding their facility in Rochester, MN, and Texas has pledged \$21,000 towards that goal. This is our District's fundraiser towards this.

We need to think about our Installation Banquet. We usually have the Incoming District Governor, but he will be in Japan the 4th Tues. of June. Lion Chuck will see if Incoming DG Mark Roth is available for Tues. June 14.

Lion Merrell discussed that the Cy-Fair School system as rejected the Peace Poster Contest, but they are still trying to explain that there will be no cost to the schools to participate. She and Lion Keith are trying to reach the private schools in the area. Lion Becca reported that the Cy-Fair Schools have decreased their participation in Scouting events, and suggested they contact the Harmony Schools.

Lion Paul requested a brief Board of Directors Meeting after the meeting. With no further business, Lion Bud dismissed us with a discombobulated Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Martin, Secretary