

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

Members: 8

Guests: 2

Because President Paul and Vice President Becca were both absent, Lion Sandy, being the next in line, opened the meeting at 7:05, awaiting more members to arrive through the traffic. Lion Bud led the pledges to the flags. Lion Clayton gave prayer. There was no song, as Lion Don is still at home with a very sore knee. Guests were introduced: Susan Blaies, sister of Lion Keith, and Faye Dupree, wife of Lion Clayton.

After the meal, Lion Sandy turned the meeting over to Lion Chuck to run. He reported that President Paul was meeting with a flooring contractor for his home, and Lion Becca is at a Scouting function this evening. Lions Paul, Bud and Dorothy and Milly all had water in their homes from the recent heavy rains. Lions Bud and Dorothy also had water in their business.

Lion Sandy reported that minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Bud, seconded by Lion John, and passed.

Lion Chuck gave the treasurer's report. Last Sat. we had a very busy day at the concession stand during a tournament, with \$2100 in cash plus \$235 in credit receipts for Saturday alone. Unfortunately, the tournament got rained out on Sunday afternoon.

Lion Chuck reported that after the heavy rains, the baseball fields at West Little York are among the few still playable. Bear Creek complex is still under water. Cy-Fair fields have only a couple of small fields playable. Queenston worked hard to get their baseball fields ready to play, only to have the power to the lights go out. So we are to expect a lot of makeup games at our fields. There will be a 60 game tournament this weekend, and we will need shifts for Sat. and Sun. Lion Mazher volunteered to work the middle shift on Sat. Prairie View Lions Club has a function on Sat, so they will not be able to help that day.

Lions District 2-S2 Convention was held last Saturday. The original hotel contracted ended up with 4" of water, so we were moved to another facility. It was a fantastic convention. There were three empty slots for elected directors for Lions charities. Lion Bud Casey was elected to the Humanitarian Relief Fund, a 3 year commitment. He ran against a Lion from the Tomball Lions Club, and was victorious. Lions Chuck and Sandy were presented with a plaque from District Governor Noah Speer for their dedication and work doing KidSight Vision Screening. The plaque will be placed in the trophy case.

There will be an Anti-Bullying Kick Ball Tournament on our fields the third Saturday in May.

There will not be a PSC meeting in May. It has been replaced by the Leader Dog Dinner on Fri. May 6 at 6:30PM at the Grand Palace in Spring. We have purchased a table for 10. Tickets are \$30 each.

Lion Chuck displayed a plaque found by Lion Dorothy when cleaning out her water logged office. The plaque was presented by the Cy-Fair Rodeo Association in 1995, the first year our Club partnered with them to work the rodeo. Lions ran a concession stand, selling hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, baked potatoes, drinks, etc.

Scouts ran the snow cone machine outside. The Cy-Fair Rodeo was held every Friday night in June and July at the Rodeo grounds on Telge across from Arnold Jr. High School. It was a very popular place for the teens and kids to have a safe and fun evening. The Rodeo was closed in 2005 or 2006 after a change in leadership at CFISD.

Kylie Miller, the young girl who spoke at our last meeting requesting partnership from our Club for her entry into the National American Miss Pre Teen Pageant, was very happy to receive our scholarship. She and her mother worked the concession stand with Lions Chuck and Sandy last Thurs. night, and hope to help more.

Lion John asked about the article to be in the Houston Chronicle which DG Noah discussed at his meeting with us. It was explained that it was not an article, but a half page ad, in the Health Section of the Sun. paper in March.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has approved a \$10,000 grant to this area do to the wide spread flooding damage. We can partner with local agencies such as Cypress Assistance Ministries or Northwest Ministries to purchase only specific items using these funds. We need meticulous record keeping, and all original receipts to be turned in to LCIF as proof we used the money as directed.

We will have 5 women from the Cy-Fair Women's Club as guests and speaker at our next meeting.

Induction of new officers will be conducted on Tues. June 14 by District Governor Elect Mark Roth. Guests and spouses are welcomed.

1st Vice District Governor Elect Betty Ezell, who had a heart attack in Dec., is recovering and doing well. Lion Keith spoke with her at the Convention and said she is a dynamic presence.

Lion Paul Moore of the Conroe Noon Lions Club has been appointed as the District Vision Screening Coordinator. He was in District 2-S3, the Austin area, prior to moving to Conroe. He has plans to develop and expand the KidSight Vision Screening program in our District by setting up a dedicated website and email for screenings. He wants to get members in different Clubs certified to do screenings, and thus increase the number of vision screeners in the district. When he was Chairperson in District 2-S3, they went from 1000 screenings their first year to 10,000, and from 3 machines to 14 in just one year. He hopes to do the same in our District.

The position of District Bookkeeper was passed at the District Convention.

Lion Don is home with a bad knee and can't walk. He is awaiting surgery, which may be a month or so away yet.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary