

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday October 11th 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den
Members: 7 Guest: 1**

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. By the way he did a very good job on both pledges. Lion Paul delivered the prayer. We had a raffle with each person receiving a ticket. We were not told in the beginning what the prize would be. Lion Millie's ticket was drawn and the prize was that she could lead us in a song. Millie said "Sorry I can't carry a tune". A great dinner was prepared by Jessie's Country Kitchen. In Lion Sandy's absence, Lions Keith and Julie picked it up and served the meal.

After Dinner our guest was introduced: Martha Burns with Cypress Assistance Ministries. She gave a wonderful presentation telling us about all the great work they do in our community. They currently serve the following zip codes 77433, 77065, 77429. They provide help with rent and utilities along with being diligent in making sure that they are not receiving payments from multiple sources which exceed the need. She shared with us that their request for food is up 84% from last year. One of the very helpful sources of support is Angels Attic. The food pantry provides food and toiletries to individuals and families, averaging over 150 tons per year. They also provide other services such as Operation Jobs which assist in resume preparation, mock interviews & provide job leads. They also have a resale shop and the proceeds help fund all administrative expenses for CAM. Your donations are distributed through our programs directly to the clients.

Cypress Assistance Ministries also has a program called "Second Chances" which help individuals with a criminal record obtain employment. They have succeeded in 20% of these people having had success in securing employment. These figures seem low but they are only including the people that have reported their success back to CAM.

See the flyer for a list of items that you can donate now and during the holiday season. Interested in Volunteering? Whatever your talent, whatever your time frame CAM would be grateful to have your help!

President Paul asked if everyone had read their copy of the minutes. Lion Bud Casey made a motion to accept the minutes and Lion Keith 2nd the motion. Lion Julie made a suggestion about purchasing a sign for the concession stand to solicit membership. Lion Paul is checking to see what games are scheduled for the weekend and find out who might be able to work.

Discussions were held about the hosting of the cabinet meeting which will be at the den this weekend.

Members gave a report on their experiences at the Annual Bike Ride. More information to follow when Lion Chuck & Lion Sandy return.

John closed –on 2-Roar, Roar.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Casey, Acting like Secretary