

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday November 8, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 2

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:02PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Terry, motioned that we not sing a song.

Lion Bud Casey spoke about the Humanitarian Relief Fund. He thanked the Club for submitting his name on nomination to this elected District position. The HRF is a District entity that helps provide funding for projects and assistance to persons what would be outside the financial reach of individual Lions Clubs. Clubs can request up to \$1250 in matching monies from the HRF for community or individual projects or assistance. Several years ago, PDG Al Lindow of this Club, requested matching funds from HRF for an electric scooter for an individual. Our Club, with the help of HRF, also purchased a trailer rack for her car for a scooter for another woman. Lion Bud said to be sure that the person you are trying to help will accept the gift or services before applying to the HRF for funding. Our Club is currently waiting for finalization after eye surgery on a local man for HRF matching funding. The monies from HRF can help pay doctor bills, etc. The recipient must live within District 2-S2 boundaries. The HRF committee meets as needed, and any requests are promptly handled. Emergency requests can be handled via email. Sometimes the thing that takes the longest is getting the two signatures on the check. Everyone received a copy of the HRF By-Laws and Rules, and Articles of Incorporation, along with the required HRF form.

Then Lion Bud talked about Membership, since he is our Membership Chairperson. He gave everyone Lions Club applications, and information sheets. He urged everyone to learn about the history of Lions Clubs, saying, as District Chairperson Sam Thomas says, that “you can’t sell it if you don’t tell it.” We were all urged in invite potential members, saying this Club needs new, young blood to continue in its mission. The age to become a Lion is 18. Campus Clubs are aimed at college students.

Lion Bud asked how each of us was recruiting new members. Lion Chuck stated that he works closely with the Prairie View A&M Lions Club to recruit members each year. Lion Sandy gives the director of each facility we do Vision Screening, a Club pamphlet and the Vision Screening business card to explain what our Club does.

President Paul presented Lion Sandy with a Centennial Pin for recruiting a new member who stayed at least a year.

Secretary’s report was emailed to all Lions. Motion to accept the report as written was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, and passed.

Treasurer’s report was given. There are still a couple of outstanding bills from the Bike Ride. The government form 990 has been filed.

Lion Terry discussed Wreaths Across America. Forms are available to everyone. We will again sell wreaths at Ace Hardware on Jones Road on Friday Nov. 11, 2016, from 10AM to 2PM. We will hand out flags to veterans, and a special memorial coin to those who order wreaths. We will have a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Ace Hardware that day. Information collected from the drawing will be used to invite people to visit our Club and see what Lions are all about. The actual laying of the wreaths on the graves will be conducted on Saturday Dec. 17, 2016, with a beautiful ceremony and ceremonial fly over by some military aircraft, starting at 11 AM. Parking at the event is very limited; however there will be free shuttle service from Greenspoints Mall, south section, to the Houston National Cemetery. Buses leave starting at 9:30AM, and return you back to the Mall at the completion of the wreath laying. Please plan on attending. Trucks, with the live wreaths that are assembled in Maine, travel to Houston with a full motorcycle escort. Help is needed to unload the trucks at the Cemetery on Friday Dec. 16.

A wooden picture of a lion, which was purchased at the silent auction at the Bob Dowden Dinner last month, was shown. It will be hung on our wall.

The soap dispenser in the door of the dishwasher does not always open to dispense the soap. Lion Keith will check out prices for a simple dishwasher without a lot of bells and whistles.

There will be a baseball tournament this weekend. We need workers for three shifts each on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers were requested.

President Paul discussed the Children's Wish List cards we picked up at the last PSC meeting. Members were asked to choose a child's card, and then write their name on the corresponding forms for Secretary Sandy to know who has which child. Members are to purchase gifts for that child, letting their heart be their guide. Bring the UNWRAPPED gifts, secured in a plastic bag, with the child's Wish List Card stapled to the bag, to the next Club meeting, Tues. Nov. 22. Please bring a roll of wrapping paper with their gifts, so that the child's parents may participate in their child's Christmas by wrapping the gifts. Lions Chuck and Sandy will then gather all the gifts and transport them to the Dec. PSC meeting, where they will be collected to be distributed to the needy children. Thanks to all who do this worthwhile project.

Lion Chuck discussed a gift for District Governor Mark Roth, who will be here for our Annual District Governor's Dinner in December. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith that we purchase a Visionary Ambassador Award from the Lions Eye Bank for \$100 for DG Mark was made. Motion passed.

Lion Chuck discussed the District hopes of procuring a float in the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Show Parade early next year. The trailer is very expensive. We will need Lions members to help build and decorate, to walk or ride beside or on the float in the parade, and to man street corners on the route.

Each Lions Club has been asked to do some Legacy Project. A Level I project would be installing a sign on the street advertising our Club, to place a bench or gazebo in the park with the Lions Club information on it, etc. We discussed putting a large sign on West Little York and/or Gessner at the entrance to the parking lot letting people know this is where we meet. We would need a permit to put up signs. Lion Bud will contact Representative Cagle about a sign permit.

Lion Keith reported that for about \$500, a 25' TV on a swiveling ceiling bracket inside the concession stand window could be purchased. We could put a Power Point presentation on a flash drive to inform the public of our various Lions charities, menu items, etc.

Holiday in the Park in Jersey Village will be held Sun. Dec. 4, from 12-4 PM. We need Lions to be there to interact with the public. Lion Bob is working on a way for us to do Vision Screening in the park despite the bright sunshine. .

Lion Stedman discussed the upcoming District Photo Contest. He will be sending out information and rules shortly. All were invited to participate.

Youth Contests were discussed. We need kids in 11th and 12th grades to enter the Drug Awareness Contest, Diabetes Essay Contest, and Outstanding Student Contest. Please encourage kids to participate.

Lion Scott Perry, Elected Director of the Texas Lions Camp, will be our speaker at our next Club meeting.

District Governor Mark Roth will be our guest at the annual Christmas Dinner held here on Tues. Dec. 13. Spouses and guests are encouraged. Wear your Christmas attire. Meals are \$8.00 per person.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Martin, Secretary