

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday Jan 24 , 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 13**

**Guests: 2**

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrill gave prayer. Guests, PDG Eddie Risha, from the Conroe Noon Lions Club, and wife Diana were introduced. In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club, we sang "Happy Birthday". We had special Anniversary Cake for all to share, and decorations by Lion Merrill.

Lion Keith introduced guest speaker, PDG Eddie Risha who spoke on Lions Clubs International Foundation. PDG Eddie explained that LCIF provides relief services for all types of worldwide tragedies. When a 15 second earthquake hit Indonesia, and left 100,000 people homeless, LCI was there shortly afterward with food, water, clothing etc. After our own 9-11 tragedy, LCIF was there first with food, water, medications, etc. Lions from all over the world came to assist. Monies from Melvin Jones Fellowships goes to LCIF to be spent on humanitarian need, including 7.8 million people who have been helped with vision through cataract surgery and medications, youth education including Lions Quest, a program for children in K-12 that teaches respect for self and others. The humanitarian efforts through LCIF makes Lions first responders with food, water, clothing, medication, etc. Other programs through LCIF include diabetes control and prevention programs; vision screening at the Special Olympic games where 20,000 Lions volunteered to do vision screening on the handicapped athletes; and the Measles Initiative to vaccinate children worldwide to prevent over 300 children a day from dying of the complication of this disease. One measles shot costs \$1 per child. A member of the Conroe Noon Lions Club agreed to match, dollar for dollar, funds collected in the District towards this initiative, which was again matched by the Bill Gates Foundation. Thus, 33,484 children were vaccinated through the District efforts. PDG Eddie also discussed the new gold coin offered for sale featuring founder Melvin Jones. He explained that LCIF has aided our District with grants given to assist victims of the recent flooding in our area, the wildfires in Montgomery County a couple of years ago, monies were donated to help provide back to school backpacks to children through the Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club.

PDG Eddie congratulated us on celebrating our 60 years as a very active Lions Club. He knows that PDG Lion C. Don Robinson is our last remaining Charter member. He congratulated us for all the services our Club provides to those in our community.

Secretary's minutes were emailed to all. There were no corrections reported. Minutes were approved as filed.

Treasurer's report was given. There was little change since the last meeting.

President Paul awarded Lion Chuck with his 15 member pin for sponsoring 15 Lions into Lionism.

Lion Chuck discussed baseball. There will be a Presidents' Day Tournament mid Feb. The regular baseball league will probably start mid-March. There will be a Kickball tournament for Anti Bullying on our fields July 8.

The recent Mid-Winter Conference was discussed. Five members from our Club attended, and all agreed it was a wonderful program. Lion Keith suggested everyone should attend because he learned a lot at the sessions.

We need a committed to choose officers for the upcoming year. Lions Terry, John and Paul will form the committee. Nominees need to be announced at least two meetings prior to elections to be held in April, so that the Secretary can have the new officers posted on the LCI website by April 15. Lion Julie asked if there was some website where she could look up the duties and expectations of various offices. Lion Chuck directed her to both the LCI and District 2-S2 websites.

Texas Lions Camp Work Days will be held the first Sat. of March, April and May. Lion Keith motioned that our Club attend. Lion Chuck seconded. Lion Keith will contact Lion Becca to see which weekend is better for the Venture Crew to attend. He will then make arrangements with the Camp. All members were urged to attend, as this is a wonderful way to see the Camp that we send children to each year.

The Bowl-A-Thon for the Lions Eye Bank of Texas is coming up. We have sent a team of 4 and contributed the highest sponsorship for the past couple of years. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, that we again donate \$300 for the highest sponsorship which allows 4 persons to bow. Motion passed.

Feb. 18, 2017 is the Charter Night for the new Cinco Ranch Lions Club. The festivities and dinner will be at Rudy's Barbeque on I-10 in Katy. Tickets are \$20 per person. PID Joe Al Picone will be the guest speaker. Lion Sandy will send information on how to make reservations.

The Annual District Convention will be held on April 28-29 at the same hotel as the Mid-Winter Conference was held. Everyone was encouraged to attend. Lion Chuck motioned that we purchase meal tickets for the outgoing President yearly as long as we can afford to, along with sending the incoming president to the Leadership Forum held in Austin each spring. Motion seconded by Lions Keith and John simultaneously. Motion passed.

Building maintenance was discussed. Lion Chuck retied PDG Al Lindow's tree. Lion Bob cleaned the water intake filter. Lion Chuck cleaned the ice machine over Christmas. It was noticed that the ice machine has a leak. Lions Keith and Bob will look into it and hopefully be able to fix it.

President Paul again thanked PDG Eddie Risha and Diana for attending our meeting and celebration tonight.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned after a Lions Roar by Lion John.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Martin, Secretary

Cinco Ranch Charter Night, Sat. Feb. 18, 2017, Rudy's BBQ, 21799 Katy Freeway, Katy, TX 77450. 6:30-9PM, \$20 per person. Reservations: Tank Tankersly at [CincoRanchLions@gmail.com](mailto:CincoRanchLions@gmail.com), 281-914-0895.