

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday June 27, 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 16**

**Guests: 4**

President Paul opened the meeting promptly at 7PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrell gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "America". Guests were introduced: Dr. Victoria Glickman who will be our speaker this evening, Landon Frank who will present to us his Eagle Scout Project, his mother Rachael, and Amani Douglas.

After the meal, President Paul invited Landon Frank to explain his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to canvass his neighborhood seeking used eyeglasses from residences. He will employ about 15 other Scouts to deliver flyers and bags to each home, and then collect the used glasses in about a week's time. He will then deliver the glasses to our Club, to be taken to the Conroe Noon Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center, where they can be distributed around the world to help others who lack prescription glasses a chance to see clearer. He plans to advertise his project on the NextDoor.com website for his community, and also on the bill board/marque at the entrance to the 416 home development. He hopes to collect 200 pairs of used eyeglasses. It was suggested that he also solicit eyeglasses from Churches in his area. It was advised that he not wait any longer than a week from the time the bags and flyers are delivered to the homes until collection of the glasses, as people tend to forget if longer time is permitted. He reported that his Scout Committee has reviewed and approved his project, and he was requesting the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club to sponsor him. It was noted that past Eagle Scout projects collecting used eyeglasses have netted 1000-1200 pair of glasses, but those were from collection boxes at churches and business, not door to door solicitation. When asked what this project means to him, Landon reported that his grandmother had macular degeneration, and he saw how important it was for her to have eyeglasses. He felt compelled to help others to have access to prescription glasses. Asked what he would do if he did not obtain 200 pair of glasses from his immediate neighborhood, he replied that he and his Scouts would canvass additional neighborhoods. President Paul signed his paperwork for us to be the recipient of his Eagle Scout Project.

President Paul then introduced Dr. Victoria Glickman, an optometrist who works at Insight Eyecare on Hwy. 290 near Hollister. She explained she is part of InfantSee, a program funded and sponsored by the American Optometric Association that offers free eye exams for infants 6-12 months. Testing on very young children and babies is objective, as the child cannot indicate which vision choice is clearer. She uses finger puppets, bright lights, and squeaky toys to see if the baby can fixate and track an object. She dilates their eyes, and then uses an ophthalmoscope to examine the eye structure. Babies are farsighted at birth, but this usually resolves with time. Studies are finding that small children who spend lots of time in front of a TV or computer are developing nearsightedness, as their eyes are constantly focusing close, not far away at distance objects. She strongly encourages parents to have their children spend more time outdoors where far vision is used. She described various common vision problems. Astigmatism is an abnormal curvature of the eye. Anisometropia is when the eyes focus very differently, and if untreated, vision may never be restored. Lazy eye, or amblyopia, is one eye not working properly, and the other eye does all the work. The ailing eye eventually stops working. Muscles in the eye are exercised by the child looking near, then far away. Retinal blastoma is a serious eye cancer often found accidentally by the eye having a white instead of

black in the pupil on photographs. Dr. Glickman said she carries a line of frames for very young children that have an unlimited warranty if broken. She reported that 1 in 5 preschool children have some vision problem. When asked if she has noticed, as our KidSight Vision Screening program seems to indicate, that children of lower socioeconomic status tend to have higher incidence of vision problems, Dr. Glickman said that Hispanic and Native Americans tend to have increased genetic vision problems, which could be part of what we are finding.

Secretary's minutes were emailed to all members, with no corrections or additions noted. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bob, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. All bills are paid through the end of the fiscal year on Friday. Membership is determined by LCI on June 30 and Dec. 31, and our International and District dues are based on those figures.

There is the slight possibility of a small baseball tournament this weekend with only about 20 games. Lion Chuck hopes to know later this week if we will have games.

President Paul asked for volunteers to be our Club LCIF Coordinator. Lion Keith reported that this is a new office that LCI has requested all Clubs fill. The Coordinator will increase the members' awareness of LCI, hopefully increase funding to LCIF, and use the matching funds grants available through that department. Lion Keith has requested that Lions consider this position, which does not involve travel or meetings, perhaps only an occasional email. He noted that those who cannot work the concession stand could easily do this job. If he does not get any volunteers, he will appoint someone to this position.

Lion Bob discussed the excess equipment we have from the concession stand. We own two popcorn machines, the large one that is big enough to be used at a movie theater, had a pump that dispensed the correct amount of oil from a large bucket under the machine. This pump has not worked for "a hundred years", and a replacement pump would cost \$700 to \$1000 dollars. We could sell the defective pump, and continue to use the machine by manually adding the oil as we have been doing for years. We could sell the smaller pop corn machine and the hot dog roller, cleaning out our space, and generating a couple hundred dollars for our charity accounts. Lion Keith motioned, seconded by Lion Chuck that we give Lions Bob and John, as he is the purchasing agent and deals with B&G Popcorn Supply Co, the authority to seek out such funds for duplicate and excessive machines. Motion passed.

Lion Bud presented to the President a contract for the Magic Show, this being our 4<sup>th</sup> year. It is a standard one page contract, and Mr. Garbarino would consider an alternative venue for the show if we would consider it. It was discussed if other smaller theater venues would be more appropriate than the very large, expensive Berry Center which we have been using. Lion Bud will discuss this with Mr. Garbarino to see what his expectations to a venue might be. We will need Lions to be present at the time of the Magic Show to greet the public, take tickets, etc. Sometime during Sept. was the suggested time frame by Mr. Garbarino. Lion Bud will follow up and keep us informed. Lion Dorothy asked why we needed the Magic Show monies in a separate account. Lion Chuck explained that we needed that just the first year, but he plans to eliminate that separate account and combine it with our Charity Account.

President Paul asked Lion Keith to discuss DGE Betty Ezell's Heart of a Lion project. If a fellow Lion has done something good for fellow Lion, an email should be sent to DGE Betty or District Secretary Judy Champion. Awards will then be given out by the District Governor at her time frame. This project will be in effect from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. This will help develop good feelings and connectedness among Lions.

The meeting room has been rented this Friday for a reunion. President Paul requested that someone else take over the coordination of the meeting room rental. Lion Merrell discussed that she and Lion Julie had discussed it, and they would be interested in handling it together. Lion Merrell has developed a brochure for the room rental, using a Lions Clubs approved logo. We still need to have our webmaster change our officers.

Lion Keith reported that DGE Betty Ezell requests to be informed if any Lions members become sick or have problems, so that she and the other Lions in the District can help as needed. She requests that information be sent to District Secretary Lion Judy Champion at 832-282-4721 or [jwalley@flash.net](mailto:jwalley@flash.net). Lion Stedman said we need to find a means to communicate with other Lions.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned by a hearty Lions Roar lead by Lion Don. President Paul that gratefully handed the gavel to incoming President Keith.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary