

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday July 11, 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 0

President Keith opened the meeting promptly at 7PM. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. No one was willing to lead us in a song.

There was no speaker tonight, although we had confirmation for two.

President Keith asked Lion Mazher to discuss the proposed text messaging system. Lion Mazher said it would be much easier to send out texts to everyone. He heard about this particular company through the Katy Lions Club. There would be a \$99 set up fee, then \$29 per month with up to 100 texts a month. Groups could be set up, and it would be easy to send out meeting reminders, minutes of the meetings, etc. New member information could be loaded, and when a potential member is identified, they could receive a link to all the new member info. Texts can be scheduled, videos sent, links to websites, and QR codes could be downloaded that would connect to preloaded documents. Lion John Donato was supposed to be one of our speakers this evening and discuss his proposal for a similar service. There are free group texting programs out there, but someone would need to set up all the documents. Lion Steve said he could do that. He said we could get more members involved, with links that could be automatically sent out. People must agree to receive texts from us, but once they agree, they would receive texts we sent out. President Keith asked Lion Steve to research and present to us at the meeting of Aug. 8, 2017. Lion Mazher will try to reschedule Lion John Donato also.

Secretary's report/minutes were emailed out. There were no corrections or additions. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Paul, seconded by Lion Mazher, and passed.

Lion Chuck was working the concession stand since he just found out this afternoon that games will be played on our fields on Tues. and Thurs. this summer. President Keith requested someone to relieve him so that he could discuss the financial report. Lion Bob went to relieve Lion Chuck.

Meanwhile, President Keith received an email about someone needing help getting hearing aids, and asked Lion Terry if she was the Hearing Aid Chairperson. She had been approached by then First Vice District Governor Betty Ezell, and accepted that position.

Lion Chuck gave the Treasurer's report. All bills are paid. He motioned, seconded by Lion Paul, that we eliminate the Magic Show Bank Account and combine it with the Charity Account. Motion passed unopposed. Lion Chuck then reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 Charity Budget, noting that we should expect less games from the Cy-Fair Sports Association, thus less income. The Bike Ride is based on 245 riders, although we only had 150 last year. There are no other competing bike rides that same day thus far for this year. He hopes to see an increase in rental of the meeting room. There will still be donations to Boy Scouts of America, the Christmas Cheer Food Baskets, Camper bus, and he has set aside monies to sponsor kids for the Youth Contests. Monies for building repair and our commitment to our Texas Lions Camp Endowment are included. It is a deficit budget this year. Club, District, State and International dues were all explained. The Administrative Budget was explained. The membership committee has requested funds for printing brochures, posters, etc. Again, this is a deficit budget, which he explained we can do for only one year. Motion to accept the proposed Charity and Administration Budgets as explained was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion John. There was no discussion or opposition, motion passed.

Lion Chuck explained that the Oct. 1 Biking for Sight Bike Ride is advertised on three different bike forums. Lion Merrell reported that she was working on posters that could be placed at Bike Shops, gyms, YMCA's, etc. advertising our ride. She will send her creations to President Keith and Lion Terry to display at places they frequent to hopefully generate more riders.

A few mementos from Past International Director Howard Leverett from our Club were displayed. His wife, Sue Leverett, donated a box of his things after his death. Some of the items will be taken to the Texas Lions Museum in Kerrville, others to be auctioned at the Bob Dowden Dinner, and a few to be displayed in our trophy case.

President Keith earlier this week sent out an email looking for a Lion who would like to be our Lions Club International Coordinator, being an ambassador to LCI and the Clubs. Lion Paul volunteered. Since this position is now required by LCI, and our elections of officers is over, it was determined that President Keith could appoint Lion Paul in this position.

President Keith reported that we learned today that there will be summer baseball on our fields Tues. and Thurs. through August. Lions Chuck and Sandy have been working Thursdays, but requested others help out so that they don't have to work each week.

President Keith asked Lion Merrell to discuss the room rental. Lion Merrell met with Lion Julie, and they came up with a list of caterers, bridal shops, dress shops, etc. to leave information about our room vacancy. She stressed that we need to update our webpage so that when people type in party room for rent in this area, our facility will show up. She has made printed cards to hand to people as a way of advertisement. They have done some price comparison, and our facility seems to be in the low middle price range. There was a family reunion here last week, with approximately 75-80 people, and they were very pleased with the facility and their experience, agreeing to be used as a reference in the future. Lion Merrell and Julie cleaned the room thoroughly prior to this rental, and again afterwards. She said it is her goal to make enough money through rentals to have the room professionally cleaned regularly. It was noted that the contract states that the renters are responsible for clean up, and if not, will lose their security deposit. The room is great for baby showers, birthdays, reunions, etc. She and Lion Julie have advertised on NextDoor.com, and can even post pictures of the facility. Lion Mazher said we should offer the room to other Lions Clubs who don't have a permanent meeting facility; however we typically have donated it for other Lions Club functions. Lion Terry suggested we try to get something in the Cy-Fair Magazine or even the Green Sheet for advertisement.

Lion Bob was asked to discuss maintenance. Someone asked about the possibility of getting the proposed pretzel/pizza warmer. Unfortunately, our electrical circuits are not set up for another high pulling device. It was suggested move the microwave to the kitchen, and put the new machine in that spot. At the end of Baseball season, Lion Bob would like to tear down and do complete cleaning of the hot dog machine, nacho warmer, bun warmer, and pop corn machines. He wants to get the floors in the concession and kitchen refinished and the holes smoothed out, so that new flooring can be placed. Heavy epoxy finish would be his flooring of choice, but a lot of prep work must happen first. He wants to move the cabinets down so that they are accessible to everyone, which may require professional help. The meeting room needs repainted. Members agreed they would prep and paint themselves, rather than hire someone else to do it. No date was decided upon, nor a color, although everyone agreed to stick with a very neutral color.

Lion Merrell discussed KidSight Vision Screening at the annual Royal Oaks Lions Club Backpack Give Away, Sat. Aug. 5 at the old Sharpstown mall. Last year they gave away 10,000 backpacks, and our Club did vision screening. Lions Chuck and Sandy will be out of town that week, so other Lions are needed. She has not contacted Lion Paul Moore, the District Vision Screening Chairman about requesting other Lions Clubs to help with this project. She has contacted him about the Houston Fire Fighters Immunization day on Aug. 24, where free immunizations will be given out, and she has obtained permission to do KidSight Vision Screening there also.

President Keith called one of the members of the Cy-Fair Women's Association asking if we can again do KidSight Vision Screening at Shop Till You Drop at the Berry Center as last year. We should be getting more information on that soon.

He reported that our Club currently has 31 members; however 12 of those are delinquent on dues. He requested that all who owe money please pay your bills. The credit card machine is available tonight in the concession stand.

Lion Sandy reported that she and Lion Chuck will not be in town for the Club meeting of Aug. 22, and she will need someone to pick up, heat, and serve the food, and take minutes during the meeting.

Lion Mazher asked if he should reschedule the Girl Scout presentation that was originally scheduled for tonight. President Keith asked that he and the Secretary be kept in the loop of any speakers, so that he is aware, and meals can be ordered for them.

With no further business, Lion Paul adjourned us after a hearty Lions Roar. He collected \$6 in fines in Tail Twister Julie's absence. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Martin, Secretary