

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday July 25, 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 16

Guests: 2

President Keith opened the meeting at 6:59 PM per the clock on the wall, but 7:00PM per his watch. Lion Milly led the pledges to the flags. Lion Julie gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "God Bless America." Guests were introduced: Randy Matthews, father of second year Diabetic camper, and Curtis Cooper from the Cy-Fair Sports Association.

After the meal, Lion Chuck introduced Curtis Cooper, who is the Field Coordinator for every field that the Cy-Fair Sports Association runs, including baseball, football, volleyball, gyms, schools, etc. He is a non paid volunteer, in charge of the mowing, lights, maintenance, etc for all fields. He has been volunteering for Cy-Fair Sports Association for over 9 years, and has been Field Coordinator for 6 years. Lion Chuck thanked him for getting games for our fields for the summer. Curtis discussed that the rumor that the Queenston baseball complex is for sale is true, and that will mean more games will be coming to the West Little York complex. The Scheil Road complex is for High School kids, not younger children. It was asked if there are sports for girls through Cy-Fair Sports Association, and the answer is yes, but not in baseball or softball, but volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading. The Cy-Fair Sports Association is currently looking for a new Tournament Director, and will be renting fields to keep them in use as needed. People seem pleased with the West Little York complex, it is centrally located, we have a wonderful concession stand, and he will look into what other types of foods customers may like to see at our concession stand. When asked about the scoreboards promised to us several years ago, Curtis replied that they may happen after Queenston complex is sold. There is increased competition with many other formal baseball organizations with fields with AstroTurf, etc, and having natural grass and scoreboards will make us more competitive for use. The number of select baseball teams has decreased from 100 last spring to just 25 this spring. When asked about the plans for the shed at the end of our driveway, Mr. Cooper said they plan on fixing it up, painting it when the weather is cooler. It was noted that there are weeds and brush too thick to walk through near Gessner, and we would like to see that area cleaned up. Lion Chuck volunteered to walk the area with Mr. Cooper to point out needed repairs. Mr. Cooper said he would get someone with a bush hog to come and clear the brush. President Keith invited Curtis to become a Lions member.

Tail Twister Lion Julie announced the winner of the Lions Trivia Quiz, in which each Lion was to answer three questions about Lionism; all with the correct answers were put in a hat, and a winner drawn. Lion Bud won the prize, of a stuffed Lion. Answers to the questions: Lions are 100 years old this year, Canada was the first International country to have a Lions Club, and our motto is "We Serve". Bumper stickers that say WE SERVE were given out.

Cards for Lions Bud and Dorothy's daughter, Theresa, who is home from the hospital, and for PDG Eddie Munger, age 101, who is in an extended care facility, were passed around for all to write a note of encouragement. Lion Dorothy gave an update on Theresa's condition.

Secretary's reports were emailed out, read, and motion to accept made by Lion John, seconded by Lion Mazher, and passed.

The T-Shirt display behind the bar in the meeting room is awesome, and gained a lot of good complements at the District Cabinet meeting recently held here.

Treasurer's report was given. We have money. All bills and dues are paid. The Magic Show account has been combined with the Charity Account. We had one room rental thus far this month. Our Endowment to the Camp has been paid. Lion Chuck discussed an amendment to the budget as proposed at the last meeting. He forgot to include the two \$500 scholarships to students at Montgomery High School in lieu of renting the Athletic Complex for our Bike Ride. Motion to accept the amendment change made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Merrell, and was passed.

There was a Kick Ball Tournament held here on July 8. Last year we donated our profits to the Anti-Bullying program, and Lion Chuck motioned that we again do the same this year, donating \$200, Lion Jennifer seconded, and motion passed.

Lion Bud gave the signed Magic Show contract to the Treasurer. The proposed flyer for our Magic Show has been emailed to Mr. Gambino, and we have not heard back from him. The Magic Show will be Monday Sept. 18, at 7PM at the Berry Center. Our Club will be given 100 tickets to sell. Gambino and Company solicits for tickets by phone.

Lion Mazher has done a phone conference with Lion John Donato about our website. Mr. Donato will come one hour prior to the meeting of Aug. 8, 2017 to discuss with the Board of Directors changes requested for the website. A Pay Pal account can be set up on our website for donations, etc. according to Mr. Donato.

Lion Merrell discussed Vision Screening at the Houston Firefighters Immunization event on Thurs. Aug. 24 from 4-6PM near Hobby Airport.

Room Rental was discussed. Saturday the District will be having Officer Training here. The last library summer reading program will be Aug. 1. The room has been rented for a bridal shower for three hours on Sept. 30. The District will again use the room on Oct. 14. Business cards have been made to promote room rental, and it was suggested that each member be given some to pass out as indicated.

Sat. Aug. 5 will be the Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club Back Pack Giveaway. Last year they handed out 10,000 back packs. We have not been given a time for this event yet. We need Lions to help work this event, encouraging parents to allow us to vision screen their children, explaining to parents the need for complete eye examination for children who are refereed, etc. Lions Sandy and Chuck will not be in town for this event.

Saturday Sept. 9 from 9AM to 5PM we will again do vision screening at the Berry Center Shop Till You Drop event. Again we need lots of Lions to assist during the long event.

Sat. Sept, 16 we will be doing Vision Screening at John Knox Presbyterian Church Craft Bazaar from 10A-4P. Lions are needed to assist in several ways.

Lion Merrell reported that a District wide email has been sent out requesting other Clubs to assist on these public vision screening events.

Lion Sandy discussed free State Vision Screening Certification training that is being offered through Prevent Blindness Texas. Classes are this Friday and next Monday. Please respond if interested.

The State has passed a bill allowing school children to be screened with electronic vision screeners similar to our machine, instead of just reading a chart 10 feet away. Lion Chuck is in contact with the Cy-Fair Schools to see what Lions can do to help with state mandated vision screening in the schools.

Lion Sandy reported mentoring members of the Humble Noon Lions Club at their first KidSight Vision Screening project, at a Day Care where a 19 mo. old was discovered last year by the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club KidSight Vision Screening Program, who had very bad

amblyopia. The child's father brought that child in, and praised our KidSight program for discovering his child's severe vision problem so that correction could begin timely. He also brought in his younger son, who also needs referral for a complete eye examination.

President Keith discussed the possibility of our Club sponsoring a golf hole for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament to be held Aug. 3, with all proceeds benefiting the Texas Lions Camp. Motion to sponsor a hole for \$100 was made by Lion Bud, seconded by Lion Terry, and passed.

Lion Terry reported that the NuSound Company is offering hearing aids for trail use for six months. She is working with the District to set up a hearing aid account with them for District use.

Lion Jennifer discussed the possibility of us hosting a Murder Mystery Club with two or three actors at our facility. The cost would be approximately \$235 for two actors, and we could sell tickets for \$15 each. We would need to provide some sort of meal for the event. We could advertise on Next Door.com, Facebook, etc, Motion by Lion Jennifer, seconded by Lion Chuck, that she get a quote on this project, passed.

Lion Jennifer also suggested we host adult board games here, selling snacks and drinks, and could pass out information on Lions.

Lion Chuck reported that he and Curtis Cooper walked around the perimeter of our facility, and that Curtis was disgusted at the lack of upkeep to our property. The boards on the ground of the shed will go away when the shed is cleaned up and painted. It was discussed that that old ice machine that belongs to Heights Ice needs to be removed also.

Lion Terry said the small popcorn machine and other extra equipment will be taken to B&G Popcorn for sale on consignment. Lion Chuck asked if they would purchase it and give us store credit instead. Lion Terry will inquire.

President Keith publically thanked Lion Milly for purchasing several bags of fill dirt to put where water pools under our picnic tables after heavy rains. She also donated monies for providing meals to Lions who help with painting the facility. Although she is not able to physically help with the work, she is helping the Club with the project.

With no further business, Lion Bob dismissed us after a hearty Lions Roar at 8:33PM. Lion Bud donated his prize stuffed Lion to the Den as table decoration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary