

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Aug. 8, 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 14

Guests: 1

President Keith opened the meeting at 7:13PM due to the meeting with Webmaster Lion John Donato running over. Lion Steve led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. Lion Don was not present, due to problems with his eye after receiving an injection for his eye problem. No one volunteered to lead a song.

Lion Mazher introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Bill Tofton, who wrote a book about the Constitution. Handouts were given to everyone. He reported that he recently travelled to the Golden Gate Bridge, and marveled at what an outstanding feat of engineering it is. He said the Constitution is just written words, but has helped to build the greatest nation in the world. Its writers were businessmen, not scholars. The Constitution contains 5153 words. It took 55 men 100 days to write it. If they toiled for even 6 hours a day, that means that each word was given 6.4 hours of thought and consideration. The words of the Constitution were very carefully chosen. They mean what they say and say what they mean. Every word was scrutinized very carefully. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. Each state had its own government at the time of the writing of the Constitution. There was the Articles of Confederation in place at the time, but more was needed to combine the states. The writers of the Constitution and Patrick Henry meant Liberty to be free of foreign government and tyranny. Mr. Tofton stated that we have gotten away from the ideas as presented by the Constitution, in that 80% of laws now made at the Federal level have no say or input by the general public, but only by legislators. Per the Constitution, War is declared only by Congress, and we have won every one thus far. He stressed that government “of the people, by the people, and for the people” must be dictated by the Constitution. He sees a need for the states to solidify with the original Constitution.

Secretary’s minutes were emailed to all Lions. Motion to accept them as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bob, and passed.

Treasurer’s report was given. He urged all Lions who are delinquent on their dues to please pay up. The credit card machine has been repaired, and now will accept the chip in the newer credit cards.

Lion Bud has tickets for the Magic Show, which will be held Mon. Sept. 18 at 7PM at the Berry Center. He suggested that all Lions take tickets to sell and promote our Club. Lion Chuck reported that he collected monies today from the Magic Show. Tickets make a neat gift to give to kids.

Lion Merrell reported that she and Lion Julie have business cards about the room rental on order, and will give some to each Lion at the next meeting to hand out to try to increase our rentals. Posters have been placed at the YMCA for the bike ride and the Magic Show. The room has been rented for Sept. 30. Lion Merrell has sent info to the District about our Bike Ride and Magic Show. It was advised that she get that information to Lion Terry Landers, our Webmaster, to be posted on the District website.

Lions Bob and Merrell discussed the Vision Screening held last Saturday in conjunction with the Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club Back Pack Give Away. Over 300 were screened, using 3 cameras within the District. We will be doing Vision Screening at the Fairbanks Library on Sat. Aug. 19. Conroe Noon Lions Club and the Baytown Lions Club will coordinate the large

vision screening which will take place in conjunction with the Fire Fighters Immunization Extravaganza to be held on Thurs. Aug. 24. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club will conduct KidSight Vision Screening at Shop Till You Drop event at the Berry Center on Saturday Sept. 9, and at John Know Presbyterian Church Arts and Crafts Show on Sat. Sept. 19. Lion John Donato reported that he can contact someone who can promote Vision Screenings in their newsletter.

Lion Chuck reported on the Kerrville Texas Lions Camp meeting held this past weekend. Friday evening he and Lion Sandy attended the dinner for the outgoing Camp President, then attended the Awards Ceremony at the Camp for the last week of Diabetic Campers. We sponsored 9 campers to this session. Lion Chuck attended the Camp Board Meeting, and the Council of Governors meeting, and passed around the Camp Board Book for members to review information about the Camp. Texas Lions Camp has a budget of \$2.775 million now. Camp was attended by 1506 kids this summer. PDG Mark Roth was only 1 of 2 PDG's to receive his 100% Medal for having all Clubs in the District participate in the 100% Contribution to the Camp.

The Bob Dowden Dinner will be Sat. Sept. 30. There will be a live and silent auction, with all proceeds going to the Camp. We have some items from PID Howard Leverett, a past member of this Club, to be donated for auction. Any auction items can be taken to the next PSC meeting. Table sponsorships are available, and we need to discuss at the next meeting if we can sponsor a table from our Club.

Lions Chuck and Sandy will not be at the next Lions Club meeting. Lion Sandy asked for someone to pick up and serve the meals, and someone to take minutes of the meeting in her absence. Lion Julie volunteered for both jobs. Thanks, Lion Julie.

Lion Chuck reported that currently we have more riders preregistered for our Oct. 1 Bike Ride than we did this same time last year. He reported that TxDOT is ripping up State Hwy. 149 from Richards through the Sam Houston National Forest to Montgomery, and they cannot be sure which lanes will be affected at the time of our event. He also reported that the M.S. Society has new rules which the Montgomery and Grimes County Sheriffs' office needs to complete prior to our ride.

Baseball was rained out tonight. Fields are very waterlogged, with more rain to come. There will be games on Saturday if the fields are playable. Lions Chuck and Sandy will work the Thursday evening concession shirt. Thanks to Lions Keith and Julie for working for the Martins last week while they traveled to Kerrville to attend the Camp and Council of Governors' meetings.

Paint sample cards were passed around, and Lions were to put their initials on the colors they liked for the walls. It was suggested we start small, and if we don't like the color, we can change it. Lion Tamer Bob has had the facility thoroughly cleaned, and it definitely looks much better. He has obtained three different quotes for refinishing the concession stand and kitchen floors, anywhere from \$2000 to \$4000. Floors in those areas need to be durable, yet easy to clean. Lions Bob and Mazher are to meet with the three bidding vendors tomorrow.

Tail Twister Julie had a unique game where she showed members a glass vase filled with marbles, and small animals, and bits of paper. We were to guess how many lions were in the jar. She stressed that wild lions are a pride, a family, and everyone has a role to fulfill in that pride. Some are care givers, others hunters, some are lookouts, but everyone has an important job in the success of the pride and family. We as human Lions need to help out Club, every member needs to participate. Lion Julie paid her \$1 fine for coming in late.

With no further business, meeting adjourned after Lion Chuck led us in a loud Lion's Roar.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Martin, Secretary