

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Sept. 26, 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 16

President Keith opened the meeting promptly. Lion Merrell led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. Lion Chuck was asked to lead us in a song, but he promptly declined. He reported that Lion Don's knees were not working well and he did not feel like coming.

After our meal of hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, and pineapple lush cake for dessert, President Keith explained that he would like the Campers to briefly tell us what they liked about Texas Lions Camp this year. Reagan reported that her favorite things to do were the paddleboats, and squirt guns at the pool. This was her first year to attend Diabetic Camp, and she definitely wants to go again. She said she loved everything about Camp. Mom said it was "nerve-wracking at first, since this was her first night away". It took her 2 nights to adjust. Mom liked that she could look at pictures on the internet and know that her daughter was having a wonderful time and being well cared for. She had known previous Campers and sort of knows what to expect. Both Reagan and her mom were very thankful for the experience of Texas Lions Camp. Reagan cried because she did not want to leave Camp. Her younger sister enjoyed being an only child for a week.

Tripp reported this was his 3rd year at TLC. He took his guitar this year, made lots of new friends and said he did not see many Campers he had known from previous years. He wants to go every year, become a Medic and eventually a Counselor at the Camp. Dad commented that the Counselor staffs were all very animated and full of energy, and that about half appeared to be from Australia. Dad hung out with his younger son more the week that Tripp was at Camp. Grandma said it is good for Tripp to see other kids with the same condition, so that he knows he is not the only one with it. Dad loves Dr. Ponder, and all his crazy hats.

Allison reported this being her 3rd year at Camp also. She made new friends, and connected with old friends. She loved the Zip Line. She wants to go again. Dad reported that he didn't do anything exciting while she was gone. He also reported that it is good that she gets to be around other kids just like her, have fun, and just be a kid for a week. He said the amount of activities available to the kids is incredible. He said "Camp leaves a very lasting impression on the kids."

Lauren attended Camp for the second time this year, and again loved it. She connected with old friends and made lots of new friends. She liked all the counselors. This was the first time that she had set up her own insulin pump all by herself, and she was very proud of herself. They went to Sea World, and that was a lot of fun. She liked the horseback riding, the ropes course, and archery, where she got a Bulls Eye. She caught a fish and had to kiss it before returning it to the water. Her parents took a trip while she was away at Camp. They are very grateful for the Camp, and reported it operated "top notch". It was the big event of their summer.

Grace was sad to say that this was her second but last year at Texas Lions Camp. Her favorites were the dance and the pool, and archery, where she also got a Bulls eye. She plans to go as a Counselor when old enough. She will stay in contact with the friends she met at Camp. She said the Camp was "all perfect". She informed us that the boys got more to eat than the girls, which made her upset. The family stopped in Fredericksburg on the way home. Mom and Dad reported that Camp is very efficient, runs very smoothly. They loved to see pictures of the

kids having fun. They were very thankful for Lions for sending Grace to Camp. It was a real tear-jerker when Grace had to leave Camp for the last time. Her sister said she liked being the only child for the week, and did not miss her older sister.

Jordan reported that this was her 3rd and last year to attend Camp, also. She liked all the Counselors, and got to see friends from previous years. They were able to have the same friends in their cabin as last year. She told how one time their entire group had low blood sugar, and no one could figure out why. She also wants to be Med Staff when old enough. Mom said she slept well while Jordan was gone, knowing that her child was cared for very well.

President Keith thanked all the Campers and families for attending and sharing their stories with us. They were offered the chance to leave, or stay and attend our business meeting. A group picture was made of the Campers and families.

President Keith asked Lion Julie to explain our newest fund raiser. Willy's Grill and Ice House on Hwy 290 and Jones Road will sponsor a Spirit Night on Mon. Oct. 16, 2017 and Mon. Jan. 15, 2018. Anyone who mentions Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club when ordering their meal at the counter, and to their server, will have a portion of the cost of that meal donated to our Club. Flyers will be sent out. We are encouraged to invite friends and families to help support us on these nights. Lion Julie was told we would receive 20% of the sales those evenings.

President Keith reported that we had a World Wide Celebrity in our midst, PDG Lion Chuck, who toured the area with several LCIF dignitaries and had his pictures posted all over the Web. He escorted the LCIF Chairman, Immediate Past International President Bob Corlew from Tennessee and other LCIF Directors from Texas were driven around in Lion Sandy's brand new vehicle, which had 30 miles on the odometer when it left the garage and over 600 when the three days of sightseeing were completed. It was even caked with mud on the inside. President Keith asked that Very Important Person Lion Chuck to autograph his Lions hat. Lion Chuck reported that Chairman Corlew said that during the past year when he was President of Lions Clubs International, he got to go to many places and see lots of wonderful and exciting things. This year as Chairman of LCIF, he gets to tour and see all the bad things that have happened, like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, etc.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to everyone. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Bob, seconded by Lion July, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We have money in the bank. Our Club has received \$2300 in general donations from other Lions Clubs and individuals for Hurricane Harvey relief. The District received \$25,000 from LCIF, of which we received approximately \$750, which must be disbursed according to their rules, and cannot be used on Lions members. Monies received from private donations can be spent according to our own rules. Lions Chuck and Mazher have written rules/proposal, which were emailed to all and passed out at the meeting. Basically families in need would be given a \$200 gift card, which could also be given to Lions members from our Club or other Clubs. It was suggested that these be used for food, water, medication/medical supplies, clothing, bedding, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and supplies to aid in the repair of the household. Motion to accept these as written was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Paul. When asked for any discussion, Lion Sandy reported that she does not like the fact that gift cards can be used to purchase cigarettes and beer, but it sure beats having a Lion member present when the recipients do their shopping. We also have money from the Magic Show, which has been rescheduled for Dec. 16, 2017.

President Keith received letters from Leader Dog and LCIF thanking us for our donations to those agencies.

Spirit Night at Willy's is a great opportunity for us to solicit from neighbors. Flyers will be emailed out to everyone. We can advertise this on Next Door, Meet up, and other social media.

President Keith gave special thanks to all who participated on this building cleanup and repair. Much work was done, and the results are wonderful. Thanks to Lion Milly for donating monies for meals during our cleaning efforts.

President Keith thanked Lions for doing Vision Screening at the Shop Till You Drop and Arts and Crafts Bazaar at John Knox Presbyterian Church, for all the Lions who volunteered in the community and at NRG stadium, at the Concession stand, etc. It is good that we are seen in our communities.

There will be baseball games this weekend, so if Lion Paul calls, please be available to work the concession stand. We need our Club members to work to keep monies in our Club, rather than paying to other Clubs, as we have had to cancel our Bike Ride, and postpone the Magic Show.

It was reported at Smile.amazon.com when you order things from Amazon, you can have a percentage of your cost to a charity of your choice, and Texas Lions Camp is one of the charities listed. This does not interfere with your Amazon Prime account or status.

Lion Bud reported that he and Lion Mazher were at the Berry Center the night of the proposed Magic Show, and three families showed up. They explained that they show has been postponed to Dec.

Lion Mazher reported that he has not heard anything back from John Donato about the changes to our website that we requested several weeks ago. Lion Merrell has contacted him, and gotten no response. They say he has not followed up on anything he has said he would do. He only seems to respond when Lion Chuck contacts him.

Applications for membership were received from Randy and Laura Matthews. Randy has attended meetings in the past, as has Laura. Their daughter, Laruen, has been sponsored by this Club to the Diabetic Session of Texas Lions Camp. Motion to accept was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Merrell, and passed. Randy reported that he is a data consultant, and Laura is a school nurse at Fred and Louise Hamilton Elementary School. She met Lions Bob and Merrell there during vision screening last year at the school.

With no further business, President Keith asked Lion Bob to dismiss us with a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Martin, Secretary