

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Nov. 28, 2017 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 13

Guests: 4

President Keith opened the meeting promptly according to his watch. Lion Mazher led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. Guests included Scout Landon Frank and his mother, Rachel, and Ginny and Dave McMillen.

Eagle Scout Candidate Landon Frank reminded us that he visited our Club back in July, reporting his upcoming Eagle Scout Project of collecting used prescription eyeglasses door to door in his neighborhood. He had hoped to collect 200 pairs of glasses, which he would then donate to Lions to be used worldwide. He reported that Hurricane Harvey interrupted his timeline. He placed flyers on doors in his housing development on a Thursday, and collected the glasses on Saturday. He reported about 50 Scout hours were needed for this project. He ended up with about 1200 pairs of eyeglasses, which exceeded his wildest imagination. He said his father always told him to "under promise and over deliver."

Lion Chuck filled in as speaker on the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, since PDG Paul Eads did not come. The Lions Eye Bank of Texas provided the teaching and the tools for people with sight loss. They teach people about eye infections and cornea collection. In Texas we still need family permission to remove corneas from the deceased even if that person has signed a Donor Card. Harvested corneas are tested in the lab to be free of defects and infection before being sent all over the world to help others to see. The Eye Bank pays for 18-20 cornea transplants per year to local people who have no insurance. The physician, surgical suite, and others involved must donate their time and services to make this happen, but the corneas are also donated. Corneas deemed unsuitable for transplant are used by students at Baylor College of Medicine for practice of suturing, and other research. Lion Chuck can obtain Donor Cards for anyone interested. Someone asked how long the wait was for a cornea. Lion Chuck was unsure of the current wait time, but when he was Director in 1997, the wait was only about 3 days. Commercial airlines fly donated corneas and other organs all over the country without cost.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed out. There were no corrections reported. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck and seconded by Lion Bob, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We still need to finish paying for the Magic Show. We still have monies to help 6-7 families with monies from Harvey Relief we have received. If you know of someone who was affected by the flooding, please contact President Keith or Lion Chuck. We have spent over \$2100 in relief thus far. We have received the monies from the Bankston estate, and will send the monies to Texas Lions Camp and request a plaque for the widow.

There will be baseball games this weekend, but unsure how many at this time. Please don't restock the Coke machines, as Coke is to be delivering all new machines to us later this week.

Wreaths Across America will be held Sat. Dec. 16 at the Houston National Cemetery, starting at 11 AM. There should be free shuttle bus service from the south end of Greenspoint Mall to the National Cemetery that morning. It is really a moving ceremony, and all are invited to attend, then places the live wreaths on the graves of our Fallen Heroes.

Our Magic Show will be held Mon. Dec. 18, 2017 at 7 PM at the Berry Center. We still have LOTS of tickets available. This is a very kid friendly performance. 100% of the monies

from the tickets we sell stay with our Club. Please ask friends and neighbors to attend. We need Lions in Vests or purple Club shirts to attend to greet the public, take tickets at the Theater door, sell tickets at the entrance, and make our presence known to the community.

District Announcements: Kids Christmas Wish gifts were all brought tonight except for Lions Paul and Milly. Thanks for all your generosity to help make a child's Christmas better. Lions Chuck and Sandy will take all the gifts to the PSC meeting the first Wed. in Dec.

Our next meeting will be our annual District Governor's Christmas meeting. Please plan to attend, in our Christmas finery. This is your chance to wear that ugly Christmas tie you got years ago!! Bring your spouse, girl friend, and/or neighbors.

The meeting room has been rented for Dec. 3, so the Christmas tree will need to be put up after that time.

Willy's Spirit Night will again be Mon. Jan. 15, 2018, from 4:30 PM to closing. Our Club will get 15% of the sales if we mention to our server or order taker that we are there for the Lions Club Spirit Night. This is only for the Willy's on Jones Road at Hwy. 290. Please invite your friends and neighbors to help us in this easy fund raiser.

Lion Merrell discussed some changes she would like to see in our current room rental agreement. She stressed that the amount charged need to be negotiable between Lion Julie and herself, not a set figure as in the current contract. Lion Bob pointed out that renting the room at any cost is in our best interest, but that the cleaning fee of \$50 in non negotiable. The contract should stress no alcohol or pets. President Keith advised Lion Merrell to mark up the current contract with the changes she would like to see made, and it will be emailed to the Board of Directors to review and vote. It was suggested we place something in the contract about what can be used to attach things to the walls, ceilings, etc. We could advertise on Next Door, Meet Up, etc.

Christmas Cheer Food Baskets will be assembled the week of Dec. 18. Lion Becca will need to let us know the exact dates and times. Delivery of the baskets is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 23. Again a Cookie Swap was encouraged. Lion Keith is to remind Lion Becca to get all receipts to Lion Chuck prior to his leaving town the morning of Dec. 20 if she wants her reimbursement checks before he returns the first of the year.

With no further business, President Keith asked Lion Mazher to dismiss us with a hearty Lions Roar. Lion Chuck, as usual, did not cooperate.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary