

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Jan. 9, 2018, at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 0

Lion Paul ran the meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President. He opened the meeting at 7PM per his watch, not the clock on the wall. Lion Stedman led us in the pledges to the flags. Lion Becca gave prayer. Lion Chuck said that he did not expect Lion Don to be able to make any meetings in the near future, and that we need to find a new song leader. Lion Jennifer led us in singing God Bless America.

Secretary's report was emailed to everyone. There were no corrections reported, so motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bob, passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We have dug into our Charity Account Reserves by \$3000. Dues statements went out this afternoon, and everyone was urged to please pay promptly.

The Magic Show has netted us less than prior years, but was still OK for a school night in December, and after Hurricane Harvey where people had less disposable income.

The Room Rental agreement changes have been sent to the Board of Directors. Will table until the end of the meeting. Lion Merrell reported that Lion Julie has revamped, condensed, added cleaning fees, service dogs only, etc. Lion Chuck reported that the umpires will want to use the room the first two weeks in Feb.

Lion Becca reported on the Christmas Cheer Food Baskets. 58 baskets were distributed, and the two non deliverable baskets were donated to Camp Hope. She reported there were lots of new Scouts and parents here for the basket delivery. We received \$340 in donations, and spent \$2237. She purchased the bright red Christmas stockings after Christmas at \$0.50 each for next year. The tables were rearranged going the other direction, and it seemed to work better for sorting and filling the baskets. She hoped that next year we would be able to accommodate 80 baskets with the additional Scouting units interested in joining this project. Cy-Fair School District encompasses 3 Scouting Districts. Most canned foods were provided by the Scouts, with each Troop providing one specific item. The baskets are expensive, but good for show and function. The project was again very successful. Families stressed that delivering the baskets to those less fortunate was life changing for many kids involved. Some baskets were delivered to families who live in motels and did not have kitchen facilities to prepare the turkeys. It was pointed out that in previous years we have given canned hams to those families. Lion Merrell asked how we can get Scout parents into Lions, to acknowledge the Lions and Scout helping others theme. Lion Becca invited her to attend the District Round Table, to meet other Scouting parents, and find parents of older scouts who might be looking for more community involvement. She noted a new movement in the younger parents towards community service.

Willy's Spirit Night will be held Mon. Jan. 15, 2018 from 4:30 PM to closing. Please wear your Lions Vest or purple shirt so that others will recognize us.

Lion Sandy sent out an email to all members about Lion Gary Ginn being in the hospital with pneumonia. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

President Keith received an email requesting rental of the meeting room for a Scout Pinewood Derby. The last time the room was used for this event, things were left a mess, with varnish on the tables, and graphite on the food bar. Lion Bob said that kids in general don't respect the property. Lion Stedman suggested a rule for cleaning and a security deposit. Lion

Bob stated that Lions Merrell and Julie have been given the authority to make decisions on the room rental. Lion Chuck asked what he should tell the District as the meeting room will be used for a Cabinet meeting later this month. He requested that Lion Merrell and/or Julie come to the Cabinet meeting to discuss the room rental with members of the District. Lion Chuck requested from Lions Merrell and/or Julie the wording for the room cleaning fee that the District would incur for use during Cabinet meetings, as they have used the meeting room for years without one.

Feb. 17, 2018 will be the Mid Winter Conference. It is a fun and yet educational time. \$25 gets you breakfast, a full lunch, plus educational seminars on Diabetes, funding/charitable contributions, Innovation through service, and LCI forward. You can attend 2 different sessions. Lion Chuck asked if we will be sending our incoming President to this as we have in the past. Since President Keith is not here, nor is Vice President Mazher, he was advised to reserve for 1 person and then find out who will be going.

The Lions Eye Bank of Texas annual Bowl-A-Thon will be Sat. March 24. Lion Jennifer volunteered to be a bowler.

At the PCS meeting, there was a plea for monies for the Camper bus for the District. Lion Chuck reported monies have already been budgeted for this.

Lion Keith has scheduled out Club to assist at the Camp Work Day on Sat. April 7, 2018. If you would like to help beautify and ready the camp for this summer's campers, please notify President Keith.

The USA-Canada Forum will be held in Sept. in Columbus, OH. This is a wonderful educational program.

The "flow of income" from rental of the facility, was discussed by Lion Bob. Lions Merrell and Julie have been advertising the room, but it is still under used. He stated that selling the property, investing the money, and donating the interest yearly to charities would be a bigger bang for our buck. Lion Chuck pointed out that this building, our concession stand, and the baseball fields we own are what help keep this Club together. He said we have a fixed tenant, the Cy-Fair Sports Association, and our lease does not expire until the end of 2020. Lion Jennifer suggested we put on a Murder Mystery and dinner here, and have caterers provide the meal. We could sell tickets for \$30 each. Hiring 2 actors would cost \$250. We would have to sell the tickets ourselves. Or we could just have desserts and light foods instead of a full meal. Tickets could be purchased on PayPal or by using our credit card machine. She stressed that Lions means community service to many, and we could talk with the people who attend about what Lions do, etc. Lion Chuck requested that Lion Jennifer put together a proposal for a Murder Mystery Program and present it at the next meeting. She agreed.

There will be a brief Board of Directors meeting after this meeting.

With no further business, Lion John dismissed us after a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary