

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Aug. 28, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 1

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Julie gave prayer. Lion Chuck requested no song since our song leader was not present, but Lion Dorothy found the words to “Hear Those Lions Roar”, which she read to everyone.

After our meal, John Mathinson of Dale Carnegie Training spoke to us about the importance of vision, planning, and action. President Mazher was volunteered to assist. Mr. Mathinson said that we think in pictures. He walked us through an interactive learning scenario. He said that most people plan, but fail in tracking and measurement of their goals. Everyone should have short, medium, and long term goals. We need to identify where to spend our resources, and to use our goal and current situation as input, then take action to get to our goal. With President Mazher’s apt demonstration of blindly following directions vs. knowing what the end goal is, we could easily comprehend what Mr. Mathinson was teaching. We all need to 1) create a goal/vision, 2) make a plan, and 3) take action. Failure is an opportunity to grow and learn.

Minutes of the last meeting as taken by Lion Julie were approved after noting the date correction.

Treasurer’s report was given.

Lion Merrell was not present to report on Membership. The Delgado’s who visited us last meeting and seemed very enthusiastic about becoming Lions, were not present although he told President Mazher that they would be there. The President will follow up with them

Shop Till You Drop will be Sat. Sept. 8 at the Berry Center. We will have a booth about our Club and be doing KidSight Vision Screening. The event is from 9AM to 5PM. Volunteers need to enter in Entrance #3. We need people to round up customers for Vision Screening, and to promote our Club. Lions Merrell and Julie have volunteered to assist with the Vision Screening. President Mazher will contact Lion Jennifer Nguyen, an ophthalmology student, to see if she would be available to assist.

The Magic Show will be Thurs. Sept. 27 at 7 PM at the Berry Center. Lion Randy will update the Web site to reflect this. Our usual poster maker, Lion Merrell is not available to discuss posters for this event.

Follow up on the downed light pole by Lion Chuck found that the pole has been replaced and they are still working to repair the fence.

HCAD regarding our building and land taxes are still in the hands of Harris County Assessment Department.

Lion Becca was not present tonight due to working with her ailing parents on pressing issues. She sent an email and said she would complete the promised landscaping upkeep within the next couple of weeks.

Lion Laura Matthews sent out an email requesting volunteers to help with vision screening at Fred and Louise Hamilton Elementary School on Sept. 26-27. Lions Merrell and Julie have volunteered. Lions Chuck and Sandy have KidSight Vision Screenings scheduled those days. You do not need to have State Vision Certification to assist with this vital screening. Please contact Lion Laura if you can assist.

Lion Chuck reported that baseball will start with Sunday Sept. 9 games. No regular games have yet been scheduled.

Lion Julie reported that she has been trying to schedule another Spirit Night at BJ's near the Willowbrook Mall, but is having difficulty getting the scheduling organization to commit. She will continue to follow up and let us know.

President Mazher discussed an HRF assistance request for medical bills for a man within the Cy-Fair area. Again this request was sent to us by the Treasurer of the Tomball Lions Club, but since the person lives in our area, we should handle it. There was discussion about this request because this is the third request we have received for financial assistance for things like rent, bills, etc. It was explained that by using the District Humanitarian Relief Fund, we would pay half of the cost, and it would be matched by the HRF fund up to \$2500. This is a one time donation per person. Lion Chuck explained that all bills have been paid, and we have the funds in our account to help this person. Motion was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bud, that we donate \$1048.05 and request matching funds from the HRF Committee. Motion passed with one no vote. Lion Chuck will follow up.

President Mazher emailed to everyone a Library Proposal from Lion Jennifer Finch to host another Harry Potter Event in our facility. There was discussion that last year, paints and glitter was left on the floor, tape on the walls, etc. It was suggested that we insist that crafts be restricted to outside or at the library. We could do KidSight Vision Screening, and there was to be a panel discussion in the meeting room in the afternoon. We could sell non hot items from our concession stand. Lions Julie and Merrell insist on charging a cleaning fee and security damage deposit. It was discussed that Club members need to step up and volunteer with our Club for all projects, not just those they are involved in. It was noted that since this is a Harris County Library project, they may not want or be able to pay the cleaning and security fees. Security fees would be refundable if the property is left clean and in good repair. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Randy, motioned that we allow the Library to use our facility for the Harry Potter program, charge a cleaning fee and security deposit as determined by the rental committee of Lions Julie and Merrell, and that a written contract be obtained. Motion passed.

A big ROAR was sent out to Lion Bob for having our air conditioning repaired. There was a burnt out fuse in the AC fuse box. Everyone agreed that Cy-Fair Air Conditioning is excellent to work with.

President Mazher reviewed Lion Becca's lengthy email. The Jersey Village Parks and Recreation has an affair the first Sat. of each month, and the usual fee of \$10 per booth would be waived for us to be able to do KidSight Vision Screening, promote events, membership, etc. She noted other Jersey Village events which we could take advantage of to promote our Club and activities. The Christmas Cheer Food Basket program is underway. She will work with the new Scouting Lions Club, and other Scouts for food donation drives. She is in contact with the School, but the previous head nurse is no longer there and no replacement has been assigned. Landscaping will take place next week hopefully.

Lion Chuck reported that he visited three different tree nurseries looking for a memorial tree for Lion PDG C. Don Robinson. He may have found a maple tree that he can purchase and keep at our house until it is time to plant it this fall.

He also discussed the See to Succeed Program at the Berry Center. This is where schools bus the children who have failed their vision screening twice at the school, to the Berry Center where they are again tested using various parameters like near and far vision, color, 3-D, etc. Then each child is seen by an optometrist on sight, they then go next door and chose their own

frames, and the completed eyeglasses are delivered and hand fit to each child in about 2 weeks. It is quite an orchestrated program. Volunteers are needed for screenings, moving children from station to station, etc. The Cy-Fair See to Success program is the entire week of Jan. 14, 2019.

Lion Sandy will collect used eyeglasses from about 50 different optometrists in the Cy-Fair area on Friday. She usually collects 16-18 cases of glasses, which are then donated to the Conroe Noon Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center, to be then distributed around the world to help those without prescription glasses to see better. Glasses will be taken to the PSC meeting next Wed. Anyone is invited to attend the PSC meeting and learn more about our District.

The Bob Dowden Dinner is Sat. Oct. 6. Lion Terry motioned that we purchase a table, seconded by Lion Randy. All were encouraged to attend. We may need more than one table. Lion Chuck will reserve. Our Club has been chosen to be the cashiers that evening, and we need persons to tally bills, run credit card machines, etc.

With no further business, Lion Randy dismissed us after a hearty and correct Lions ROAR.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary