

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Sept. 25, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 10

Guests: 20

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion Bud led the pledges to the flags. Lion Becca gave prayer. President Mazher offered that we defer a song since our long leader was not present. Lion Chuck heartily agreed. Guests were introduced: Brad Gresham from Scout Troop 483, a retired Scout leader who is considering joining our Club, guest of Lion Becca, and Dr. and Mrs. Dewayne Myers. Evie Myers is with Alpha Kappa Alpha and wishes to work with our Club collecting used eyeglasses.

After our hot dog meal, our Diabetic Campers told about their experiences at Texas Lions Camp this summer. Lauren Matthews, daughter of Lions Randy and Laura, said this was her 3rd year to attend TLC. She is now 13 years of age. She loves that she and her friends can go the same week and have a wonderful time together. She loved the camp out and the counselors from Australia. She said she has done almost everything at the Camp. Mom and Dad enjoy the experience of her going to Camp, and complimented that the Camp is extremely well run.

Jack, age 13, was just diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes within the last year, so this was his first TLC experience. He loved the Camp out and swimming. Mom said she has an older child with Type 1 Diabetes who attended Texas Lions Camp, so she knew what to expect. She said Jack has been tested since he was 2 years old, and they were not surprised at his diagnosis.

John, age 15, said this was his 5th and final year of Camp. He enjoyed the swimming. He is sad not to be going, but wants to become a counselor when he is older. Mom said he keeps in touch with friends he has met at camp over the years.

Ben said this was his 4th year at TLC, and next year will be his last as he is now 14. He said he found it very emotional when many of his friends graduated out of the program. Parents thanked the Lions for sponsoring him these years, and said the Camp “runs like a well oiled machine.”

Aiden, 13, said this was also his 4th year to attend. He loved the zip line and rock climbing. He sincerely thanked the Lions for allowing him this opportunity to go to such a wonderful camp. Dad said they were nervous the first year they dropped him off at TLC, but since then, they hit the road for vacation. He was very blessed and thankful for what Aiden has learned at Texas Lions Camp.

Reagan, age 9, attended for the second year. She loved the CSI investigative program. She said she did not do anything new this summer at Camp. Mom said she has friends that go with her to camp each year, and that she definitely has “camp withdrawal” for a week after she gets home.

TJ, at 11 years old, has attended Camp for the past 3 years. He “likes everything” about TLC. He liked meeting friends from previous years. He befriended some kids attending for the first time, and sort of tutored them and made them feel very comfortable. He likes to ride the horses. Dad thanks the Lions for this opportunity for his son, and said that the kids learn so much from their week at Camp. He definitely sees the changes when he picks up TJ after Camp. He likes that counselors are from different countries, which the kids seem to really enjoy.

Lion Chuck asked all the campers if they got enough to eat, and they said they did. It was explained that boys get larger servings of food because they metabolize it faster. He also asked if anyone had socks stolen by a “two legged raccoon” during the camp outs.

Lion Becca explained that the Club will be holding a kid friendly Magic Show on Thurs. Sept. 27, 2018 at 7 PM at the Berry Center. Tickets were available for purchase tonight or at the door. Lion Bud has volunteers lined up to be present that night. Lion Chuck will be late as he has a Prairie View A&M Lions Club meeting that same evening. Someone was requested to handle the money in his absence.

There will be 40 baseball games this coming Sunday, assuming the rain stops and the fields dry out. Next week the regular baseball season starts, with games on Mon, Tues. and Thurs. evenings, as well as all day Sun. through the end of Nov. Please see Lion Paul to sign up to work the concession stand those days.

Motion was made by Lion Chuck to drop Club membership for Robert and Karen Berry, and Steve Nickerson for nonpayment of dues and lack of attendance. No one has been able to contact Steve, and the Berry's said they will be moving out of town. Motion seconded simultaneously by Lions Sandy and Randy, and passed.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were deferred due to all the campers and guests present.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM after a discombobulated Lions Roar by Lion Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary