

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

**Members: 14**

**Guests: 5**

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion Bud led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrell gave prayer. Lion Jennifer Finch led us in singing "My Country Tis of Thee." Guests were introduced: Mary, Madonna, and Susan from the Jersey Village Community Response Team, and Lion Leta Massey, District ALERT chairperson, and Brad Gresham, guest of Lion Becca who will be joining our Lions Club.

After our meal, we heard from the Jersey Village Community Emergency Response Team about Disaster preparedness. She explained how Champion Forest Baptist Church at Jersey Village was opened as a shelter during Hurricane Harvey, and was manned by the CERT members, thus freeing police and firefighters to do the work they were trained for. This Church was just a shelter, because no food was served. The Foundry Church on Jones road became the food distribution center. She explained how becoming a CERT member is voluntary. They are taught how to approach frightened animals, such as horses, dogs, and even emus. They can learn to operate chain saws or even the Jaws of Life. Various communities hold a Rodeo, with each community team competing against similar teams from other communities, in timed events. They were taught how to enter and navigate in a burning building wearing the full equipment of firefighters. They learned that the different color spigots on fire hydrants indicate different pressures of water in that hydrant. They learned basic first aid, how to rappel down a building, and how to fire a gun safely. You don't have to live in Jersey Village to sign up for their CERT program, which is a 9 week course. It was explained that Drug Take Back Day will be Oct. 27, 2018, where you can take any unused medications to either Fire Station #11 on West Road near Lone Star College Cy-Fair, or at the Haz-Mat facility on Haul Road just across West Little York from Bane Park. We were instructed to yearly shake or rotate our fire extinguishers to keep them in working order. If we ever need to call 911 for an emergency, it is very important that we stay on the line until help arrives, as that is the only way they have of locating the call. CERT certified persons learn medical triage for disasters. They are notified via a phone and/or text tree. The goal is to have one CERT trained person on each block. Lion Becca explained that due to HIPPA privacy laws, police and fireman cannot automatically trace a call via GPS, so it is imperative that we stay on the line if we happen upon someone who has called 911 then passed out.

President Mazher asked for acceptance of the minutes of previous meetings. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, motioned to accept all previously unaccepted minutes as sent out by the Secretary. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given. The Magic show has only earned us \$419 thus far, with more checks outstanding. We were guaranteed a \$2000 minimum that the promoter will have to make up if outstanding checks do not cover.

Lion Merrell reported she has responded to inquires about membership from the web page, a follow up on a person from Lion Stedman, and contacted the young couple who attended a meeting several months ago about again visiting out Club. Motion by Lion Merrell, seconded by Lion Chuck, that we accept Brad Gresham as a member, sponsored by Lion Becca. Motion passed, and everyone shouted out a big Welcome to Lion Brad.

Birthdays were acknowledged. Lion Bud's 79<sup>th</sup> birthday was last Saturday, and Lion Julie's birthday is tomorrow. President Mazher suggested that the Membership Chairperson send out a birthday card to members on their special day, which she agreed to do.

Lion Dorothy reported that she received a wonderful Thank You note from the children at Boys and Girls Country, thanking us for sponsoring them to attend our Magic Show.

The Service Project Team reviewed their projects. Lion Merrell reported that currently there are no highways available for us to adapt and keep clean. Lion Julie attempted to attend an iBug meeting to see about our Club collecting used phones for the blind to use, but she was never able to locate exactly where the meeting was held. She will hopefully attend their next meeting. Lion Randy reported that Hamilton Elementary School does not have children who need help funding school lunches at this time. However, they do need help in their reading program. Lion Becca suggested to make containers to place at the concession stand requesting patrons to drop in the caps to all Coke products, and we can then turn those over to the school to help purchase needed items. She will make containers for this use. Lion Sandy reported that she has been in touch with Jason of the Jersey Village Parks Department about our Club doing KidSight Vision Screening and having a Club display on Friday, Oct. 19 at the Jersey Village Civic Center for Post Elementary School, at no cost to us. She also has found a need for used prescription bottles, and asked everyone to continue to save, remove the labels, and bring to the meeting. They are needed in Haiti. President Mazher reported that he has scheduled someone to speak at our meeting about Senior Rides.

The Cy-Fair Women's Club has agreed to work the concession stand the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. evenings, our meeting nights. We have Club members working Mon. and Thurs. nights during league season, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

Lion Merrell reported that our meeting room has been rented for the Library's Harry Potter event Nov. 10, and another rental for Oct. 21.

Lion Paul had no report on the Recognitions program.

President Mazher asked for a big Lion's Roar for those who attended the Magic Show and the Bob Dowden Dinner. The quilt which Lion Milly donated, made by PDG Al Lindow's wife Lucille, sold for \$1000.

A new Lions Club, the Cypress Centennial Scouting Lions Club, will have a Charter night tomorrow night at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que on Hwy 290. Dinner at 6:30PM, program begins at 7PM. All were invited to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary