

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Oct. 23, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 3

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrell gave prayer. There was no song. Guests were recognized: Lion Lisa Free-Martin, our Zone Chairperson and speaker, husband Lion Bob Martin, and Gavin Alderman, grandson of Lions Terry and John.

After our meal, Lion Lisa Free-Martin explained what a Zone Chairperson's job is: to support the Clubs, coordinate with the Global Leadership Team and the Global Membership Team, to help Clubs with growth, monitor the health and services of Clubs, and facilitate information between Clubs. She oversees 13 Clubs. She has been a member of the Magnolia Lions Club for the past 20 years, and is one of the District Elected Directors to the Texas Lions Camp.

Lion Lisa had us close our eyes and imagine the four men who had a vision of a camp to serve children with polio in 1949. The Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has been a proud supporter of the Texas Lions Camp, donating over \$44,000 in the past 20 years. We sent 37 campers this past year, with 43 kids being sponsored, but some not accepted into the Diabetic Camp due to late applications. The first five weeks of Camp are designated for handicapped children, and beds always remain empty. Diabetes and Down syndrome camps fill rapidly. On line registration opens Jan. 2. Our Club has 55 years of consecutive 100% Contributions. We have many Lions in our Club who have been awarded Jack Weich Fellowships, Life Memberships to the Texas Lions Camp, brick owners, and other awards and recognitions. Lion Lisa talked about the Master Plan for the Texas Lions Camp for the next 20 years. A company was hired who collaborated with parents, counselors, staff, Lions, etc, about what we wanted to see happen to TLC over the next 2 decades. They wanted to expand the service base, increase service revenue, improve the existing facilities, and expand activity offerings to create an atmosphere to support campers. The goal is one camp facility housing four different camps. New camper and staff housing needs to be built, and activities that engage the children need to be provided. 1510 children attended Texas Lions Camp this past summer. The 20 Year Master Plan for the Camp includes a Welcome Center, an Eagle Trail Village, expand Frontier Village, define and build Inspiration Valley and Lake, and build a multipurpose program and activity center. Lion Lisa then had us close our eyes and imagine the Camp in 2049 with these improvements.

Lion Terry passed out information and flyers for Wreaths Across America. The live wreaths are still just \$15 each. If you want them placed on a specific gravesite, there is a special form that needs to be completed. She has a child's specialty bicycle that she wishes to donate for a drawing, with each wreath sold, a ticket for the drawing will be received. She would like to sell tickets and wreaths at the upcoming Harry Potter event held at our facility on Nov. 10.

Secretary's minutes were accepted for approval after the typing error was corrected, motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Paul, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We have received another deposit for the Magic Show but are still short \$1100, which will not be paid to us until the end of Jan. and all outstanding checks have been received.

President Mazher requested reports from the Service Action Committee. The speakers for Senior Rides will be rescheduled. Lion Julie was not present to update on collecting used iPhones for iBug. Lion Sandy reported that she, Lion Chuck, and Lion Jennifer Nguyen did KidSight Vision Screening at the Fall Frolic at Clark Henry Park, Jersey Village last Friday night. Ninety children were screened, with 12 referred for complete eye exams. Lion Jennifer enjoyed helping with this community service project. Lion Becca reported that the Christmas Cheer Food Baskets are in the works. Foods will be collected by Scouts and delivered to our meeting room the first 2 weeks of December. Distribution of the baskets will be Saturday Dec. 22. Sorting of food and packing the baskets will take place the 18th and 19th of December. We plan to distribute 80 baskets. The replacement for the Cy-Fair ISD Health Coordinator has not been announced, but Lion Becca has spoken with the secretary of that position, and the names of the children to receive the baskets are proceeding. Lion Sandy requested persons to save their prescription bottles, just remove the labels. Lion Merrell said she heard of a prescription drug drop off in the Spring Branch area near her, and wondered if we could collect empty bottles during that event. Drugs will also be dropped off at Fire Station #10 on West Road near Lone Star College Cy-Fair, and across West Little York from Bane Park at the Haz-Mat facility on Haul Road. President Mazher said he would go to the West Road drop off location and request empty prescription bottles.

Lion Paul did not have any report on Recognitions.

Lion Chuck has not heard back from the Harris County Assessment Department about the mix up on tax ownership of our property. He said he would have to go visit them again soon.

Lion Chuck discussed the Opportunity for Youth Contests sponsored by the District. These include a diabetic essay, a drug awareness speech, and an outstanding youth contest. Details and instructions can be found on the District website. We need to find Jr. and Sr. students to sponsor for these contests.

President Mazher thanked everyone for the birthday card, Camp gift, balloon, and cup cakes for his birthday today. He requested a big Lions Roar to Lion Becca and the Venture Crew for trimming the hedges in front of our building. Another Lions Roar went out to Lion Bob for repairing the lights in our concession stand sign, to Lions Bob and Chuck for repairing the light to the flags, and to Lions Sandy, Chuck and Jennifer N. for doing the community service Vision Screening at the park last week.

With no further business, Lion Stedman was asked to dismiss us with a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary