

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday Nov. 27, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 10**

**Guests: 3**

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion Paul led the pledges to the flags. Lion Becca gave prayer. There was no song. Guests were introduced, Melvina, sister of Lion Stedman, visiting from New York, and District Texas Lions Camp Elected Director Lion Lisa Free-Martin, of the Magnolia Lions Club. Later Jason Alfaro from the Jersey Village Parks and Recreation Department arrived and was introduced.

After our meal, President Mazher invited Lion Lisa Free-Martin to the podium. She explained that she was here to present the Jack Weich Fellowship to a deserving Lion. Jack Weich was of the six founding fathers of the Texas Lions Camp. He was a lawyer and judge, yet still had time to help start our Texas Lions Camp. In 1948, he and 5 other Lions got together to propose a special camp for the children of the terrible polio outbreak affecting the state. The charter for the Texas Lions Camp was accepted in 1949. Lion Jack Weich was the President for the first five years of the Camp. Another charter signer of the Camp was from Conroe. Lion Lisa then presented the coveted award to Lion Sandy. A special pin accompanies the beautiful acrylic award. Lion Sandy thanked everyone for this very special gift.

Lions Bud and Stedman spoke about the District Humanitarian Relief Fund. These funds are set aside from each Club's 100% Charity Contributions, to be used to supplement a Club's service project. Guidelines in place deny funds to be presented to an individual, but to the services provided. These can only be for non-Lions. The maximum per grant is \$1250 from the individual Club matched by \$1250 from the HRF Account, for a total of \$2500 per project. Our Club has applied and used HRF grants to help pay medical bills for a cancer patient, help with rent and utilities after a family had an emergency. Both Lions Bud and Stedman have been elected at our District Convention to serve on this committee. Lion Bud is serving the last 7 months of his 3 year term, and Lion Stedman is in his second year. The goal of HRF is to help Clubs do more within their communities and their financial means. Lion Bud ended his presentation with a quote by Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Jason Alfaro then gave a presentation about the City of Jersey Village Parks and Recreation Department. He has worked in various capacities in different parks and recreation departments for the past 16 years, but has only been with Jersey Village for almost a year. He discussed the new Club House/Convention Center in progress along the Jersey Village Golf Course. It will be two stories, and open for public use. They plan on new signage into Jersey Village. A new dog park is also in the works. The golf course had been improved. He is working to get Jersey Village the honor of being Tree City USA certified.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed. There were no additions or corrections reported. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Becca, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We received a small amount of money from the September Magic Show, but are still \$967 short of the guaranteed \$2000 profit by the promoter. Lion Bud, who spearheaded this project, will contact them about recovering our remaining funds.

Lion Merrell was not present to discuss membership. An email response from a gentleman through Lions Clubs International inquiring about our Club has been answered by Lion Sandy. He has not yet responded. Lion Chuck will phone him for follow up.

Our low dinner meal participation was discussed. Our current caterer, Jesse's Country Kitchen, has previously set a minimum number of meals that he will prepare for us at 10. Several times we have been below this number, and Lion Sandy has purchased and prepared the meals. There was discussion about meals at the meeting, do we want them, are they too expensive, why don't more members want to eat with us, etc. Lion Sandy pointed out that it takes a lot of time and energy to shop and cook each week. Lion Dorothy agreed, as she has previously cooked for our Club. Some options were not to have a meal, but guests expect a meal at this time frame. We have always had a meal at this Lion's Club since its inception over 60 years ago. Perhaps people could bring their own meals, and we just eat together as a family, but again, this becomes problematic for guests, and someone would need to be assigned to purchase meals for them. Cost of Jesse's at \$8.50 each was discussed. You can't eat at McDonalds for much less that that now days. We could have the meals be prepared by a different Lion each meeting. We could continue with Jesse as our caterer or find someone who would cater for less than 10 people. Because our next meeting will be our District Governor's visit, it was hoped that more Lions would agree to purchase a meal so that we can have a nice dinner for our distinguished guests. It was decided that President Mazher will send an email out to all Club members, both active and those who do not attend meetings, asking for insight and suggestions for meals. ALL members will be asked to give their thoughts on this important matter.

Lion Chuck asked for volunteers to help put up the Christmas tree in the meeting room prior to the DG visit. He will determine a time and date, and email for volunteers.

Holiday in the Village at the Jersey Village Civic Center will be this coming Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon to 3PM. This will be in conjunction with the monthly Jersey Village Farmers' Market. Our Club will have a booth inside the building so we can do KidSight Vision Screening, sell wreaths for Wreaths Across America, and hand out information about our Club. Volunteers are needed to work this project.

There will be a large baseball tournament this weekend. We need Lions to work the Concession Stand. Please see Lion Paul for your preferred shift.

The bronze plaque has been placed in front of PDG C. Don Robinson's oak tree. It was decided we would wait until spring, when Daylight Savings Time begins, to invite his widow and daughters for a dedication ceremony, so that it will be light out then.

We are still collecting used eyeglasses and pill bottles. A baseball parent brought 4 pairs of eyeglasses to the concession stand tonight after seeing that we collect them.

President Mazher discussed that PDG Eddie Risha is requesting each Club in Texas donate \$200 towards the Texas Lions Museum in Kerrville. He will be the first President of the Texas Museum. Motion by Lion Paul, seconded by Lion Bud, that we donate \$200 towards this project passed unanimously.

Lion Sandy again thanked everyone for the Jack Weich Fellowship honor.

With no further business, President Mazher asked Lion Stedman to dismiss us. Lion Stedman said "one after three." He counted to three, and some Lions roared, but Lion Chuck said "After", which was what the instructions were.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Martin, Secretary