

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday Jan. 22, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 8**

**Guests: 6**

President Mazher opened the meeting at 7:02PM. Guests from Cy-Woods High School and parents were introduced, along with our guest speaker. Lion Julie had a Tail Twister drawing, and the winner was Lion Sandy.

After the meal, Joshua Pigg, President of Praise His Name, a Christian organization at Cy-Woods High School, presented their service project. Both he and vice President Kathy Rivera wear eyeglasses, and both said they had several pairs of used glasses at home. Their service project was to collect used glasses at the school. Since each student is required to have an English class, they placed decorated bags in each English classroom of the school to collect their donations. After two weeks, they had collected about 115 pairs of used eyeglasses, which they presented to us tonight. They were thanked for their project and donations.

Blair Hayne, District Commissioner for the Soaring Eagle Scout District, said he was always impressed with the incredible work with eyeglasses and the Texas Lions Camp that Lions do. He explained that Lions have impacted his entire family in a very good way. His little brother was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes, and would not give himself the insulin injections. His doctor suggested he attend Texas Lions Camp. There he learned to give his own injections, and grew in his ability and knowledge of the condition. He went back as a counselor. He passed away at age 39, worked at a college in New Mexico, and made such an impact there that a new building was named after him. Mr. Hayne showed his brothers National Debate Ring that he still wears on a chain around his neck to honor his brother.

Mr. Hayne said he moved here 4 years ago. He and his wife, both active in Scouting, have adopted their grandson, when his parents were killed in a car accident. He has been involved in Scouting for 45 years. He was recently asked to be the District Commissioner. He said that Scouting is important in America, and has recently undergone a number of requirement changes. "Every youth deserves a mentor, someone to help them grow and make the right decisions." Scout leaders can become mentors to kids. He recognized that our Club has sponsored Venture Crew 1292. In this area there are over 50,000 Scouts with over 19,000 volunteers. It takes about \$250 per youth to keep the program going. He feels very fortunate to be associated with Scouting. He has worked with the National Youth Leadership Training Program, teaching leadership skills that kids can use throughout their lives. Scouting teaches love of country, respect for people, and belief in a Higher Being. Only two out of 100 scouts become Eagle Scouts. He explained how his daughter accompanied him on all of his Scouting activities with his son, and how glad he is that Scouting is now embracing girls.

Secretary's minutes were emailed. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Brad, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We had no fundraising in Jan.

Lion Merrell was not present to discuss membership. The Lion who visited last meeting was not present, nor was the gentleman who attended a few meetings ago. Lion Chuck invited two guests, but they did not attend.

President Mazher discussed an HRF request to help the family of a young girl with multiple medical conditions. She is currently in the hospital. All of her different conditions are chronic and non repairable. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, that we donate

\$1250 from our Club, and request a matching HRF grant, to help this family with medical bills, passed unanimously.

President Mazher said Lion Paul was contacted about a possible fund raiser. Hopefully he will have information next meeting.

Lion Becca will schedule a speaker about kids' meals for March 12, 2019. The American Red Cross has training for two different programs. Hopefully they can come to present these to us.

Lion Mazher discussed the meals for the meeting, saying we need a solution. For this meeting, we had only 6 Lions request a meal, with 14 Lions declining. Lion Julie said she thought other restaurants may be willing to cater, but at more than our current \$8.50 budget per meal. Lions Becca and Julie will work on a survey to all Club members requesting their thoughts and ideas on types of meals, food preferences and non likes, etc. Lion Julie said she would provide the meal for the next meeting.

Lion Julie proposed a fun social evening at their home, set up some games, and just to have fun. This would be for members, spouses, and potential members, not the general public. She suggested a spaghetti dinner and dessert, to be held perhaps the end of Feb. or in March. She will send out an email for suggestions of dates.

Lion Chuck discussed our current credit card machine fees. We paid 9.3% in fees in the month of Dec. to our credit card company. He has done some research, and if we switch to the credit card services of Wells Fargo Bank, we can save 3.2% per month. We would purchase the machine and card reader, but they would replace/repair if they break. Our current machine is 3.5 years old. He was asked what happens if we purchase a machine and need to update due to newer technology. Lion Chuck will find out, but changing credit card carriers is a better financial option.

Lion Sandy discussed the recent See to Succeed program. Children from CFISD who failed the school nurse eye exam twice were bused from all the schools to the Berry Center last week. There each child had distance and near vision, color blindness, 3-D and other vision parameters checked. They were then seen by optometrist for a comprehensive eye examination. After that, they went into the next room to choose their own frames. Chosen frames and prescription were then walked across the building to where One Sight had a complete lab set up, and the lenses were cut and inserted into the frames. The glasses were taken to the individual schools the following day and fitted by an optician to each child. Lions Bob, Merrill, Mazher, Sandy and Chuck participated in this worthwhile event.

Lion Julie reported that she is working with iBug, an organization that collects used Apple phones and refurbishes them for use by blind persons. She wants to contact other Lions Clubs to support and aid in this worthwhile project. She will draft a letter to other Clubs requesting they invite iBug as speakers and help collect phones.

Lion Sandy wanted to personally thank Lion Jennifer Nguyen. Over her Christmas holiday, Lion Jennifer personally visited 15 different Day Care Centers near her, speaking with a person there, giving them one of our Club brochures, and promoting our free KidSight Vision Screening. Thanks Lion Jennifer for all your hard work!!

Lion Chuck reported that the hot water heater was not working this evening. The drip tray is full of water, and you can see where it is leaking. He will have the plumber come out tomorrow, as Lion Bob is in Florida.

Lion Julie reported that she is working on a room rental for a graduation party.

She also said that Willie's Ice House and Grill on Jones Road at Hwy. 290 has invited us to again participate in Spirit Night at their restaurant. She will set up several dates. Lion Sandy reported that the Camper families always enjoy supporting us at Willie's.

President Mazher needs a committee for officer nominations for this year. Elections need to be held in early April, so we need a committee to draw up a slate of officers. Immediate Past President Lion Keith will head the committee, along with other past Presidents.

Tomorrow is the last day to register for the Mid Winter Conference to be held this Sat.

President Mazher won registration to the Texas Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Austin March 2 & 3. He went last year and really loved all the training and education offered, as well as the chance to meet Lions from throughout the state. He offered to donate his certificate if anyone else would like to go. Lion Becca is not available that weekend.

White Cane Day is slated for Sat. April 6 by the Texas Eye Bank. We again decided just to donate funds, rather than solicit from the public.

Other upcoming fundraisers by other Lions Club in the District were read.

Lion Keith said our Club will again participate in Work Day at the Camp on Sat. April 6. He asked Lion Sandy to send out an email to all members to get a head count for meals and who would like to stay at the bunk houses for free.

Lion Chuck reported that the leaning light pole on Field 4 has been straightened, and it appears that the burnt out field lights are in the process of being changed out. The electronic scoreboards are on the property but not installed.

Lion Becca reported that Emmott Elementary School Cub Scout Pack wants to use our building to hold their Pine Wood Derby this coming Saturday. They were quite suddenly told it would cost them \$300 to hold this at the school. Lion Julie has granted them use of the facility for a \$50 cleaning fee, and stressed that graphite must be applied outside the building. They will be here from 8 AM to 1 PM, and Lion Julie will be here also.

With no further business, President Mazher asked Lion Becca to dismiss us. She did so with two roars on the count of two.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary