

CyFair Houston Lions Club

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2019

PRESENT: Lions Keith, Julie, Paul B, Bob, Merrell, Mazher, Becca, Brad, and Randy
GUESTS: John and Kim Fenney
SPEAKER: Pat Brennan, LCIF District 2-S2 Coordinator Campaign 100, Past Council Chairman, Member of Conroe-Noon Lions Club

MEETING:

Lion President Mazher started meeting at 7:02PM. Lion Keith lead pledges with Lion Julie leading a prayer. No song this meeting. Lion Mazher briefly introduced our meeting speaker, Pat Brennan, and invited him to start dinner serving as our guest. (Dinner Served)

SPEAKER PRESENTATION:

Lion Mazher re-introduced our Guest Speaker, Pat Brennan, LCIF

Mr. Brennan initially shared that Lions LCIF (Lions Council International Foundation) has been in existence for 50 years. It is ONLY funded by Lions to serve local needs, special needs, as well as international needs. LCIF has raised \$150 Million in recent years and now with a goal of raising \$300 Million over the next 3 years. Part of this goal includes a goal of \$200 Million annually to continue our service to so many needs. He suggested a commitment of \$100 for each Lion Member for 3 years (or perhaps \$250 per Lions Member which could be raised through events/other Club treasury fundraising. Since 50 years starting, LCIF has raised \$1 Billion in grants. Some of the grant funding stays for local disaster relief. The "Melvin Jones Fellowship" is the highest "recognition" in the Lions donations/efforts. Both Pat Brennan and his wife are among this special level.

His mission tonight is to advise our Club of the needs and encourage participation and funding. Lion Keith inquired about access to funding data at a website. This is available to all Members at website LCIF.org.

Lion Mazher shared some history about how LCIF was instrumental in getting a grant to Pakistan for desperately needed cataract surgeries/eye center and how much this benefitted people local in his area. This was a big motivation for him to become a Lion.

CLUB MEETING BUSINESS:

Secretary Report: Motion to approve previous minutes by Lion Keith and 2nd by Lion Bob. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Tabled until next meeting

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

New Funding Ideas: Lion Mazher reviewed some of the new ideas proposed by our members. He requested that Members research their ideas with estimated costs and forward information to Lion Chuck.

Kids Meals: Lion Brad was asked/volunteered to be Chairman of this service project. He shared preliminary costs of \$550 for 500 Kids Meals. Lion Brad motioned approval for this initial contribution. Lion Becca 2nd. Motion approved for \$550 as initial contribution. Club agreed to see how this worked and then consider further involvement. Lion Becca suggested that this may be a great opportunity for child vision screening. This will be discussed further.

Lions Stamp: Lion Becca presented the idea of getting 1 or more Lions Ink Stamp for Kids Meals bags as well as future events. She will present idea with estimated expense to Lion Chuck.

2nd Vision Screening Camera: With more involvement with kids, Lion Keith suggested a consideration of purchasing a 2nd vision screening camera. Lion Merrell will investigate and forward this suggestion with estimated costs to Lion Chuck.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

Tax-Free Shopping: Lion Bob reminded members that most Lions efforts are Tax-Free and is willing to work Members/Chairpersons of events to help with tax-free shopping. Please contact Lion Bob with questions or assistance.

Website Updates: Lion Randy offered some ideas with stream-lining our website. First order was to add a new membership accessibility. Randy will work on this and be in contact with Lions Merrell and Julie for updates. Other new ideas were discussed, one step at a time was the decision.

District 2-S2 Annual Convention: Lion Julie agreed be the 4th volunteer as part of Saturday April 27th meeting for voting purposes only.

Concession Update: Lion Mazher discussed issues with bubble gum sales. Lion Keith motioned to accept the "Big League Chew" gum and Lion Becca 2nd. Approved.

New Score Boards: Further updates and details to come regarding Lions property.

Youth Essay Scholarship: Scholarship winner to be determined on April 13th.

Lions Camp Work Day April 6th: Lion Keith reported that our Club duty will be painting rails at Inspiration Point.

Club Social – GAME NITE: Lion Mazher reminded Members of this special event at the Blaies home on Saturday, April 13th. Further details will be forwarded to all Members.

Club Landscape/Maintenance: Lion Becca to report further regarding assistance with this.

New Sponsored Child for Camp: No direct information available at this time. Further information requested for next meeting.

Eye glass/vision Collections: Lion Sandy has been a kind volunteer for this collection service. Club Members are curious about this service and how they may assist with collection in their areas.

Local Family in Need: Lion Julie briefly discussed a family in need. They apparently lost everything in hurricane Harvey and was able to store their lives, only to be devastated again by a home fire. She is will investigate further and report at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Blaies
Acting Club Secretary