

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

PRESENT: Lions Keith, Julie, Paul B, Bud, Dorothy, Mazher, Becca, Brad, Paul Y, John, and Jennifer N

SPEAKER: Lion Steve Simmons, Lighthouse of Houston for the Blind

GUESTS: None

MEETING:

Lion President Mazher started meeting at 7:00PM. Lion Paul Y lead pledges with Lion Merrell leading a prayer. No song this meeting. (Dinner Served)

SPEAKER: A fellow Lion, Mr. Steve Simmons, was our Speaker this evening on behalf of his fellowship with the Lighthouse of Houston for the Blind. Lion Steven began by sharing his history with the Lions. He stated he will be a Lion of 40 years as of November 2019 (beginning November 19, 1979). He has held many officer positions during his time and now is a designated "President for Life", Lion Steve described his history and starting the Lighthouse for the Blind and it's ongoing development. Supported mainly by the United Way and Lions, this establishment offers adult day care, medical care, educational services to serve and assist individuals with blindness or visual impairment with employment and being self-sufficient. This is the Lighthouse's primary mission. They currently have 5 full-time employees. Lion Steven will be in charge of fundraising activities this next year including (but not limited to) a golf tournament, crawfish boil, a hoe-down, and other festivities. He spoke briefly about the Board of Directors (he is a Member) meeting 10 times per year with many important decisions regarding ongoing development. Part of which are two 4-Unit Apartment housing complexes for the clients with more growth coming.

Lion President Mazhar inquired about the Lighthouse having involvement with the new "Goal Ball" sport. Lion Steve stated they are aware it started, but more to learn.

The Lighthouse of Houston is located at: 3602 West Dallas, Houston, TX 77019 with phone number 713-527-9561.

Lion Steve invited our Club Members to visit, get a tour of the facility and have some lunch!

CLUB MEETING BUSINESS:

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

Treasurer Report: Deferred until next meeting.

Membership Report: No formal report this meeting. Lion Merrell to consult with Lion Randy regarding some questionable website responses, possible spam?

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Goal Ball Update: Deferred until next meeting.

Baseball Update: Big ROAR for Lions Keith and Paul Y for stepping-up and helping. The idea of sausage-on-a-stick to be served in the concession stand is still a work in progress. The majority agreed, in discussion, that this may be implemented with the consideration of possibly discontinuing pizza.

- Upcoming Events:**
- 1) June 11th meeting will be the installation of new officers. Lion Merrell requested everyone respond regarding dinners request for a clear number of members and guests.
 - 2) Win Lions Iceland Trip – Apply online at the Lions website
 - 3) Kids and Family Expo at the Berry Center on June 29th and 30th. All Certified Visual Screeners, please consider helping as well as any Members who can assist.
 - 4) July 9th – BBQ Lions Meeting outdoors here.
 - 5) August 12th – Spirit Night fundraiser at Willies' Icehouse on Jones Rd and 290.
 - 6) Lion Brad presented the idea of another Kids Meals evening to decorate and fill bags. He will research any changes to the bags, including a possible stamp or Lions stickers for the bags, and present a date possibly in late July for this endeavor at next meeting.

ADJOURNED: @ 8:12pm by Lion President Mazhar and closed by Lion John with 2 Roars on a count of 3! 1 2 3 ROAR ROAR!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Blaies
Acting Club Secretary