

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday July 9, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 7

Vice President Randy opened the meeting promptly with a loud gong. Lion Chuck led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. Guests were introduced: Marie Robinson, widow of PDG Don Robinson, and daughters Donna Robinson and Janet Hudson; Yolanda White, guest of Lion Chuck and potential member, Chris Grisham, son of Lion Brad, Esmeralda, guest of Lions Merrell and Bob, and guest speaker Shannan Murray. We then were invited out for the dedication of the oak tree planted in memory of Past District Governor C. Don Robinson, the last remaining charter member of this Club. PDG Chuck explained that the oak tree is like PDG Don, strong, straight, and never bending. Lion Don kept this Club together since its inception in 1957. Marie Robinson said the tree was a fitting tribute to her husband, and she knows he would be proud of it.

After the meal, Vice President Randy thanked Lion Merrell for the wonderful dinner... He introduced our guest speaker, Shannan Murray, of B.I.G Love Cancer Care. She worked at MD Anderson Hospital for 20 years. Her father died of leukemia, so she has a personal connection to cancer. B.I.G. stands for Brooke's Incredible Gift. She was a young child with cancer, and a year after her death, her parents founded B.I.G. Cancer Care to help other families going through the exhausting cancer process. B.I.G. is now in several Houston hospitals, including Texas Children's, MD Anderson, as well as Texas Children's in Katy and the Woodlands, and at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin. "Childhood cancer kills more kids than all other reasons combined" she informed us. B.I.G. Love Cancer Care funds 20 different programs to help families cope. Once a child is admitted to the hospital, a parent is constantly at their side. Families are asked to fill out a form of items they could use, such as shampoo, tooth brushes, slippers, and other necessities of living, and those items are delivered to them within 48 hours. New Diagnosis bags stuffed with needed articles are given to each family when the child is admitted to the hospital. Each day, 200-300 toys are given to children on the cancer wards, or at the cancer clinics or labs. They offer grief support not only to family members, but to the staff who care for the children. They receive referrals from hospital social workers for special needs, a program called LIFT: Love in Fragile Times. B.I.G. Love Cancer Care can help families with bills and meals while at the hospital. This is a local grass roots program started by the family of a child who died of cancer. She spoke of the many different fund raisers and programs they have, and how volunteers are needed to help. This is their 12th year of existence. Each person was given several different informative cards.

Secretary's minutes were emailed out to everyone. Lion Chuck reported one name misspelling, which was corrected on the hard copy. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Mazher, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We had no activity since the start of the new fiscal year. There will be league baseball Mon. through Thurs. nights throughout July. No tournaments are currently scheduled. Administration and Activity budgets were emailed to everyone. On the Administration budget, Lion Mazher asked that we budget meals at \$10 per person, not the \$6 per person as listed. A list of options for meals was discussed, and stressed that males and females are capable of ordering meals for the Club. Motion made by Lion Mazher, seconded by Lion Brad, to revise the meal budget as stated, passed. Lion Chuck explained that the

Charity/Activity budget has been modified to include \$3200 per year for Kids Meals, and reduced payments to outside organizations by the same amount. There was discussion about the budget for Kids Meals. Motion to accept by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Brad, passed. Lion Chuck will send out the adjusted budgets. Lion Brad asked that the surplus from the Kids Meals be sent to B.I.G. Love Cancer Care. Lion Chuck advised that we should leave the budget as stated, and if we have surplus monies we can then discuss where to spend.

Lion Chuck reported that the grass on our three baseball fields and our property has been cut by the county workers. The person who is supposed to be cutting the grass said his truck is not working and he cannot get the mowers from their location in Waller. The lease with the Cy-Fair Sports Association states they are responsible for our grass, but they subleased to another organization, and that was not included in that sublease. The bronze plaque from PDG Fred Hamilton's tree was knocked off by the mowers, and Lion Chuck requests help on how to repair it.

Lion Julie was not present to report on membership. Yolanda White is present again and expressed an interest in joining our Club. Application was given. Lion Chuck's other guest, Corey, has conflict with this son's Tues. night sports activities.

We need someone to handle concession stand scheduling as Lion Paul Yackley has resigned from that position. Lion Brad said he was still considering, and after being asked to take over this job by Vice President Randy, he agreed to become the concession stand scheduler. Thanks Lion Brad. Lion Paul will instruct him and give him the necessary phone contact numbers.

The landscaping of the front shrub bed has been completed and looks very nice. The old wood has been removed, dead plants replaced, and mulch and a new border has been added. Lion Chuck has weed wacked around the building again.

The room has been rented for the District Cabinet meeting July 27, and the District has agreed to the cleaning fee. Lion Chuck has been asked to obtain a speaker from the county for this meeting. He requested County Commissioner Cagle, but he will be out of town that day. He is open to suggestions for speaker. He was also requested to provide lunch for the cabinet members, approximately 50-60 people. It was suggested that he purchase sandwiches from Subway, and offer drinks from our concession stand. Each person will pay \$5 for lunch, with the District covering any overage. Lions from our Club are strongly encouraged to be present for this meeting. Our President will open the meeting.

Lion Chuck suggested some changes to our website. He can't get into the password protected areas. Lion Randy will work with him on that.

We need to remove the clothing recycle bin. The company that bought out the previous recycling company does not want the clothing bin or its contents. It has not been emptied in several years. No one seems to want the building. Lion Chuck would like to organize a work day to dismantle and dispose of it and its contents. He suggested later this week, as he will be gone the following week. After discussion, it was decided that Vice President Randy will send out an email requesting workers for the week of July 22.

Lion Brad has 400 lunch bags to be decorated for Kids Meals. Please take and decorate bags. We will stuff the bag, along with decorating any others, on Tues. July 30 at 7 PM. Workers are needed to help.

The Memorial service for Lion Milly Spencer will be Wed. July 24 at 11 AM at St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 2003 West 43rd St. Lions are asked to attend if available.

Lion Sandy showed the new Pyrex glass bowls with lids and handles for the concession stand. Four large bowls have been purchased, so that 2 can be used and 2 cleaned and ready. There are also smaller glass bowls with lids for the butter for the pretzels or chili. Glass containers with lids will also be purchased for the hot dogs. The well worn plastic containers will be discarded.

Lion Chuck reported that Lion Julie has heard from a woman at the Harris County Appraisal District who has collected 4 cases of used eyeglasses and would like to donate them to us. She requests bringing them Mon. through Thurs. during business hours, and would like as many Lions in vests as possible for a picture. She was encouraged to bring them to a meeting, but did not think others would accept that option. Lion Julie will contact her tomorrow and let everyone know what day and time she would like to bring the glasses.

With no further business, Lion Mazher dismissed us with "3 big roars on 2". Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary