

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Aug. 13, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 16

Guests: 2

President Becca opened the meeting promptly with a loud gong. Lion Brad led the pledges to the flags. Lion Bud gave prayer. Guests, PDG Jim Noone and wife Lion Becky were introduced. President Becca thanked Lion Randy for filling in for her during the last 2 meetings. She also thanked Lion Keith for “rescuing” the gavel from the pickle box in the concession stand. She paid \$5 to recover the missing gavel.

Lion Chuck introduced PDG Jim Noone, who was District Governor in 1975-1976 in District 2-S2. He was a long time member of the Beaumont Breakfast Lions Club since 1956. He has served multiple offices and committees. He and Lion Becky are currently with the Magnolia Lions Club. He is currently serving at District Global Membership and Retention Chairman. PDG Jim said he kept Clubs involved in the community and got Lions Club members involved. He encouraged us to visit other Clubs and see what they do. Every Club loses members; some move away, some die, some have personality conflicts within the Club and drop out, etc. He asks that we send him a list of members who want to drop from our Club and he will contact them and find out why. We need to call members who do not attend meetings or projects but continue to pay dues. We need to again ask our neighbors, Church members, friends, etc. to join us. “If they are never asked, they won’t join” he said. Once they join a Club, give them a job. “Being a Lion is one of the best things a person can do. Lions are here to help.” Membership is the most important thing. Without members we can’t help others. Wife Becky explained that the Magnolia Lions Club will be holding a Recruitment meeting this fall. She will send information to our Secretary.

Secretary’s minutes were emailed out. No corrections were needed. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Mazher, and passed.

Treasurer’s report was given. We had a successful summer baseball season. Several room rentals have added to our funds. The Administration account is still low, so if you need to pay your dues, please do so promptly.

Membership Chair Julie had nothing to report.

Lion Brad reported that 500 Kids Meal bags were filled and delivered. He really enjoyed having the boys from Boys and Girls Country helping to pack the bags.

Lion Merrell reported that it looked like we had a good turnout for Willie’s Spirit Night. President Becca reported that she invited 9 “empty nesters”, and Lion Chuck invited our waiter Tyler to a meeting. Lion Julie will reschedule again and perhaps try other venues.

Lion Chuck reported that the first District Cabinet Meeting was held the previous Sat. at our facility, with a good turnout. He especially thanked Lions Brad and Paul Yackley for their help from making coffee, picking up lunch, to putting up the tables and chairs so the floors could be cleaned the following week.

Lion Brad reported that baseball and concession stand will resume in Sept. He explained that if we have to pay others to work our concession stand; we won’t be able to give to all the charities such as Paws for Heroes, Project Hope, TLC, Kids Meals etc. President Becca reminded us to invite friends to work with us in the concession stand or at other projects to let them see what we as Lions do. When she took over the Christmas Cheer Basket project in 2009, we were only doing 30 baskets. With the help of many Scouts, last year we gave out 80 baskets,

with the goal of 100 this year. She keeps inviting these parents to join us, especially after their children graduate from high school and/or Scouting.

Lion Randy is in Washington DC and cannot report on the website.

Lion Paul Yackley reported on three bids to replace our ceiling tiles. One is nearly \$1000 higher, so not considered. One is for \$3650 to replace all the ceiling tiles in the meeting room, closets, and bathrooms. The other is for \$3900, but is with a better, longer lasting tile with a 10 year warranty. They will save the ceiling insulation, remove and replace all monitors/cameras, sirens, etc. It should only take them 2-3 days. Motion was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Paul Y that we accept the bid from Ceil Tex for \$3900, using the Humiguard tiles. Motion passed unopposed. Lions Chuck, Paul Y. and Julie will coordinate when service can be done without interfering with current room rentals.

President Becca received a request from the Prestonwood Fall Festival for our Club to set up a booth and do KidSight Vision Screening on Sat. Oct. 5 from 11 AM until 1 PM. This is also the date of the Bob Dowden Dinner, but early enough that we should be able to attend both events. This is an outdoor event, and we will need to figure out how to do vision screening in the sun. Lion Merrell will follow up.

The Bob Dowden Dinner is Sat. Oct. 5 at 5:30PM at the Houston Marriot North. This is a large fundraiser for the Texas Lions Camp. We can by sponsorship tables. Motion to purchase two tables at \$750 each for 8 people made by Lion Keith, seconded by Lion Chuck, and passed. Lion Sandy advised any Lions who were crafty, from knitting to sewing to baking or pretty basket making to make items to be sold at the silent auction at the Bob Dowden Dinner. Our Club has been asked to again run the check out after the auctions, and Lion Chuck asked for assistance and suggestions to make the process better.

Lion Kim reported that Goalball is off and running. They had their first event on Saturday, had volunteers and participants. They are getting information out to teachers in the district wide area.

Our next meeting will feature Lion Larry Smith speaking about Leader Dogs. Both meetings in Sept. will be our annual Campers meetings. This is a great meeting to invite prospective guests.

Lion Chuck reported that we had a wonderful baseball year, and had monies to purchase awards to honor some of our hard working Lions. Lion Merrell was surprised with a Jack Weiche Fellow award, the highest award through the Texas Lions Camp. She was presented with a beautiful display and pin.

Lion Chuck then presented Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards, the highest Lions award from LCI, to Lions Mazher and Keith, for their outstanding leadership and hard work. Both were very surprised.

Lion Chuck reported that the Cy-Fair Sports Association is getting closer to putting up the new electronic scoreboards for our fields. The switch is inside the fence by the air conditioners at the back of the building. The fence needs to be moved so they have access to water and electricity. President Becca knows someone who can move the fence, and will follow up.

President Becca thanked everyone for making her first official meeting projective. Lion Mazher dismissed us with "2 big roars on 3".

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary