

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday Jan. 23, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 12**

**Guests: 0**

President Keith opened the meeting promptly. Lion Mazher led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. Lion Jennifer led us in singing "My Country Tis of Thee."

Lion Jennifer discussed her proposal for a fundraiser, a Murder Mystery Dinner presentation. With two actors, she being one, which she would volunteer, the cost would be \$150 plus food. We could advertise on Next Door, etc. Ticket prices at \$25 each are very reasonable. We would appeal to multi-generations. We could set up a Google Wallet account, Pay Pal, or use our credit card machine for ticket sales at the door. She said we could set up a special Next Door page for our Lions Club; however charity and businesses need to pay a fee. Twitter and Instagram are great for advertising. There are various themes, three of which are best for general audiences. Every theme can be made from general to R rated. She recommended keeping it recommended for teens and adults. We were reminded that we cannot have alcohol within the County property, but that may not hinder attendance. We could have a buffet or just appetizers prior to the show. Flyers could be posted or dropped off at various businesses, coffee shops, etc in the area advertising our program. These shows can be done year round. Saturday would be the best day due to the heavy traffic on Hwy. 290 during the weekdays, and we would need to start the dinner at 6PM to have it over by 9:30 PM so that people would be out of the park by 10 PM. The actors would adjust their show to our room layout, but would need a secure place to change into their costumes, and perhaps a props table in the room. They would provide their own sound system. There does not need to be a stage or backdrop, as they will use small props only. Actors will probably walk through the audience and involve them. Lion Bob suggested we do this as a research and development, having Lions members and special guests, and charging \$15 per ticket. He would guarantee that we make a profit. Motion by Lion Bob, seconded by Lion Chuck, that we spend \$150 to secure an actor, plus Lion Jennifer, for a program, date to be determined. Motion passed. Tentative date is set for March 24, 2018. It was noted that we should not have this program during baseball tournaments, as the actors will need a secure room in which to change and keep their personal effects, which would be the kitchen and that bathroom. There is the potential for baseball tournaments every weekend from mid February to the end of March, but we probably will only have games the weekend of the President's Day tournament. Having this program is an opportunity to invite new people and tell them about Lions. A timeline will be announced later. Lion Merrell will work with Lion Jennifer to research and plan for this affair.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to everyone. Motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bob, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. "We have money in the bank." Thus far, the Magic Show has netted slightly more than the previous year. There are still several Lions with outstanding dues that need to be paid.

Lion Merrell reported on the room rental. Cut Scouts will use the room for a Pinewood Derby, and Scout leaders have promised that graphite will only be used outside the building. She has a security deposit in hand. There is a possible baby shower coming up. She and Lion Julie have spoken to two other Scouting groups who would like to work the concession stand in barter of the security and cleaning fees. Discussion ensued on making sure the organizations worked

enough hours to cover the costs of the cleaning and security, and that a Lion would need to be with them when they worked the concession stand to make sure they did everything correctly.

There was a District Cabinet meeting held here this past Saturday. Lions PDG Chuck and IPP Paul received awards for their Zone and Region Chair work. President Keith then presented a 10 year chevron award to Lion Stedman. Ten year chevron will be mailed to Lion Dr. Sherrill Morris who now lives in Mississippi. Lion Chuck will deliver to Lion Corene Henry her 35 years as a Lion chevron when he takes a Hurricane Harvey relief gift card to her later this week. Lion Mazher was presented with a 25 year chevron, and Lion Dorothy with 35 year acknowledgement.

We need to start considering officers for the upcoming year. Lions Terry, Dorothy and Paul will form the committee to seek officers. If you have any desire to become an officer, or want to ask questions about any position, please contact Lion Dorothy.

Spirit Night at Willie's Grill and Ice House seemed successful. We had several Lions, friends, and even camper families attend. Lions Terry and John and Bud and Dorothy donated \$20 because they did not make it to the event as promised.

Lion Chuck reported on a request to build a wheelchair ramp for a family in the Stone Gate development. The son was in an auto accident last year, and now wheelchair bound. We could pay for this through the District Harvey Medical fund, or request a matching HRF grant.

We have distributed two more gift cards of \$200 each to families affected from Hurricane Harvey. There is the possibility of further district repair funds that may be available.

Lion Merrell read a Thank You card from the two sisters whom we helped with a Harvey Relief gift card, and a Christmas Cheer food basket. They were very appreciative of our generosity and assistance.

Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp has been scheduled for Sat. April 7. Please let President Keith know if you want to stay at the Camp bunk houses, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. There are many motels in the area, along with a beautiful campground nearby.

Bingo was discussed at the Cabinet meeting last Saturday. Our Club stated to get a Bingo license in the early 1990's but did not follow through. PDG Ron Landers of the Spring Branch Lions Club is the guru on all things Bingo. Lion Chuck will invite him to present at an upcoming meeting.

President Keith reported that at the Cabinet meeting, \$62,000 was raised in our District for the LCI Measles initiative. This will then be matched by the Gates Foundation, and matched again by a pharmaceutical company.

Saturday Feb. 17 is the Mid Winter Conference. Brochures were again handed out to anyone who did not get one at the last meeting. Cost is only \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch, and informative sessions. It will run from 8 AM to 1 PM. Our Club has purchased a ticket for the incoming President to attend.

Saturday March 24 will be the Eye Bank of Texas Bowl-A-Thon. Lions Jennifer, Bob, and Merrell have volunteered to bowl. We still need at least 1 bowler.

The Texas Lions Forum will be held in March. We have in the past sent our incoming President to this program. The first 100 persons to register who have never attended get in free. Lion Mazher said he would attend. Lion Chuck will make the arrangements.

The Bob Dowden Dinner will be Sat. Oct. 6, but a venue is still being sought.

Lion Chuck reported that this Sat. we have an opportunity to do a service project. A home owned by a severe hoarder has been identified, and Lions and others will meet to clean out

the property. The City of Hempstead will provide a large dumpster for the trash. Wear gloves, long sleeves, boots, etc. Contact Lion Chuck if you wish to assist on this District wide project.

With no further business, President Keith asked Lion Stedman to dismiss us after a Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary