

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday February 27, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 0

President Keith opened the meeting promptly. Lion Bob led the pledges to the flags, without using a cheat sheet. Lion Julie gave prayer. Lion Paul led us in singing “Home on the Range.”

Lion Merrell gave a presentation of the upcoming Murder Mystery program planned. If we sold 50 tickets at \$25 each, and meals cost approximately \$6 each, with the cost of hiring the actors, decorations, desserts, etc, we would make a profit of \$450. Menus would have the choice of 3 entrees, chicken, ham, or vegetarian cheese ravioli. Dessert would be brownies and ice cream plus a berry dessert for those unable to eat the high sugar dessert. Beverages would be ice tea, coffee, and ginger ale made up to look like a fake cocktail. Places to advertise would be MeetUP, Next Door, the Chamber of Commerce, the Library, a general email flyer to all Lions in the District, and flyers at the PSC meeting. She hopes to have a payment system set up on our web page and facebook page so that tickets can be purchased online. She has searched EventBrite and liked their payment system. Through this, we would have access to patrons email addresses, and we could target them as potential Lions members. Decorations would be black and white, with red and silver accents. She plans a link and posters on Facebook and Next Door. Volunteers are needed for advertising, 2 Lions at the front door collecting tickets, Lions to help with table and other decorations, Lions plating food and serving meals, desserts and drinks, and clean up. Motion made by Lion Merrell, seconded by Lion Julie that we present a Roaring Twenties Murder Mystery Dinner at the Lion’s Den on Saturday March 31, starting at 6PM, charging \$25 / person and paying \$235 for the actors. Motion passed.

As for future room rentals, we have one for March 17, and one in Oct., and several inquires are pending.

Lion Chuck reported on the LCIF fund update, reporting that the District received \$70,000 for home repair. The plan is to offer \$3500 to 20 families. No definite criteria has been set, however the money is to be used to complete homes, making sure that the monies are not spent then the family walks away from the project due to inadequate funding. Our Club has one family that we have submitted for this grant. We still have \$200 gift cards available to victims of the flooding in Aug. Various Lions Clubs throughout the nation, especially the northeast, sent monies for gift cards for Home Depot, restaurants, cleaning supplies, etc.

Secretary’s report was emailed out. No corrections were noted. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bob, and passed.

Treasurer’s report was given. The Baseball Tournament on Sat. was very profitable; however we had to pay out \$560 to other Clubs and organizations for working for us. Sunday was rained out.

Next year’s Club Budget will need to be prepared with the incoming president and treasurer.

Lion Dorothy presented the Nomination Committee’s slate of officers for 2018-2019:

President:	Lion Mazher Poonawalla
Vice President:	Lion Becca Franco
Secretary:	Lion Sandy Martin
Treasurer:	PDG Lion Chuck Martin

Membership: Lion Merrell Greene
2 yr. Directors: Lions Paul Yackley and Milly Spencer
Continuing for 1 more year as Directors: Lions Dorothy Casey and Terry Alderman Peterson
Lion Tamer: Lion Bob Rugur
Tail Twister: Lion Julie Blaies

Discussion followed. It was asked if new members were offered a chance to serve, hoping to get and keep them involved in our Club. Questions were brought up about the need for officers to actually attend meetings on a regular basis, not just once or twice a year. We were reminded that we could offer nominations from the floor for all the offices. Perhaps new members don't know what each office entails in time and effort, so we need to reach out individually and offer to help guide them as needed. Lion Paul pointed out that we also need a LCIF coordinator, Lion Chuck stated that this was a new position last year, hence Lion Paul was appointed. It was advised that we reach out to newer members to see if they would be willing to serve. The slate of officers will be again visited at the next meeting. The nominating committee of Lions Dorothy and Paul were thanked for their work.

Lion Sandy reported that Lion Gary Ginn is still suffering with breathing problems. A recent PET scan did not show any evidence of cancer, of which we are thankful. Lion Jean Denson is still suffering with back problems. She hurt her back lifting something heavy, and has seen physicians and chiropractors. She has an appointment with physical therapy and pain management soon. Both Lions Gary and Jean said they missed being with us.

Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp will be Saturday April 7. No Lions reported needing sleeping arrangements in the Cabin bunks, however President Keith still needs to find out from Lion Becca how many will be attending from the Crew Scouts.

There will be a large baseball tournament of 50-60 games this weekend, with possible games starting on Friday night. Five of the six baseball fields will be used. Please volunteer to work the concession stand. We are scheduled to have a baseball tournament every weekend until Palm Sunday (March 25). League baseball starts next week with games on Monday and Thursday, with occasional Tuesday evening games. The Queenston baseball fields sale has fallen through for the Cy-Fair Sports Association, thus no score boards for us yet. Bear Creek baseball complex is still closed from flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Lions Chuck and Sandy will again work the Thurs. night games. Lions Bob, Merrell and Julie can help on Mondays.

At our last meeting, we discussed Bingo and all that it involves. Everyone agreed that it looks like a big undertaking. Lion Sandy motioned that we not consider entering into Bingo because we don't have enough Lions to cover the concession stand shifts, let alone adding more days for working. After discussion, this motion was rescinded by Lion Sandy. After more discussion, it was decided that we would 1) look into the possibility of Bingo, and 2) finding someone to be the chairperson in charge. Lion Chuck suggested that we look into the "unit" bingo where others do the paperwork/accounting. Lion Merrell volunteered to do the research on this project, and Lion Julie was nominated to assist. They said it would be worthwhile to ask our non participating Lions members to assist on this.

President Keith discussed information we received in the mail about the Hugh O'Brian Leadership sponsorship. They are looking for financial gifts to sponsor sophomores in High School to attend this program. We have assisted with this program previously, but is it not budgeted at the present. Lion Mazher is to request a speaker from that organization.

Canine Companions for Independence also sent information requesting financial donations. They provide service dogs for multiple disabilities. We currently donate to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

With no further business, Lion Mazher dismissed us with 2 Roars on the count of 3. Even Lion Chuck roared correctly this time!

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary