

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 13

Guests: 7

President Keith opened the meeting promptly. Lion Paul gave prayer. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Julie that we not sing tonight. Motion passed.

Guests were introduced: Rebekah Rodriguez, daughter of Lions Chuck and Sandy, Cheri Yackley, wife of Lion Paul, and his mother, Pat Yackley, widow of Past District Governor Yackley of Illinois, Tony Franco, husband of Lion Becca, and District Governor Elect Karl Johnson and wife Lion Jane of the Conroe Noon Lions Club.

After our meal, Lion Chuck formally introduced DGE Karl, explaining how he has come to know this man much better after working closely with him on the LCIF Hurricane Harvey Relief Grants. He has seen growth in DGE Karl, and knows he will do a wonderful job of leading us through the upcoming changes of LCI.

DGE Karl thanked us for inviting him, and said he prefers more casual attire and crocs to the suit and tie of tonight. He says meetings should be fun, and he intends to make them that way. He explained he would be installing the new Officers, and asked Secretary Sandy if the elections were held according to LCI policy, to which she replied yes. First DGE Karl inducted LCIF Coordinator, Lion Paul Yackley, explaining his job is to raise awareness to our Club of LCI and help LCIF with fundraising. 2nd year Directors, Lions Terry Peterson and Dorothy Casey, were fulfilling their second year of two year terms. 1 yr Directors Lions Randy Matthews and Milly Spencer, were reminded that together with the other officers, they help made decisions about the Club, and work closely with the President. Membership Chairperson and Lion Tamer, Lions Merrell Greene and Bob Rugur, are in Germany tonight. Treasurer Lion Chuck was installed, and agreed to carefully watch over all Club monies. Secretary Sandy was installed, and DGE Karl informed everyone that the Secretary is the most important job, having to communicate through LCI and the District any changes in membership, and submit forms as required. Tail Twister Lion Julie was charged with making the meetings fun and lively, and keeps them in control. Becca Franco was installed as Vice President. She was urged to work with the President to learn how run the club when her time comes. President Lion Mazher Poonawalla was installed by DGE Karl, instructing him to lead and guide this Club for the next year, saying he will need to provide a record of his year at the end of his term.

DGE Karl then proceeded with the installation of new member Jennifer Nguyen. Although she has only attended one other meeting, she attempted to come, but on the wrong evening. Application and dues were accepted this evening. She repeated the Lions oath, and became the newest member of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. Sponsor, Lion Merrell, is not present tonight.

President Keith then thanked all Lions for all we have done this year, from all of the hard work to remodel the building, to making phone calls, to working the concession stand. He gave special thanks to Lions Bob and Merrell, who were not present, for their countless hours in getting our facility cleaned and revitalized. He then read a long list of both District and Club accomplishments (which will be attached to these minutes.)

Lion Chuck then presented President Keith with an engraved brick for under our flagpole, commemorating President Keith on his year as Club President. President Keith then presented

DGE Karl with a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp in appreciation of his visit this evening.

DGE Karl then presented to President Keith Blaies a Jack Weiche Fellowship for the Texas Lions Camp from the Club for his leadership. A second Jack Weiche Fellowship was to be presented to Lion Bob Rugur for his commitment to our facility; however Lion Bob was not present. DGE Karl then presented Lion Chuck with a Senior Master Key medallion for sponsoring 25 new members into Lions.

DGE Karl explained that he and the other Vice District Governors have made a five year plan for our District goals. He wants to help new members find that “ah ha” moment, that warm and fuzzy feeling that makes them want to continue to help others through Lionism. He asked that at the end of our meeting we share stories that have happened to us about being Lions. He told how an ill child attended the Conroe Noon Lions Club Kids on the Lake program, and was allowed to drive the boat on the water. He exclaimed that as “the best day of his life.” Six months later the boy’s mother called to inform him that the child had died, but on this deathbed, he still talked about driving the boat and the best day of his life.

Incoming President Lion Mazher thanked everyone for their faith and encouragement for electing him to this office. He wants to increase fundraisers and our community service. He will announce committees at the next meeting.

Lion Chuck said there may not be baseball this weekend due to weather, but that there would definitely be a baseball tournament the following weekend.

Lions Paul, John, and Chuck decided that we should cut the DiGorno’s pizzas into 4 slices, charging \$3 per slice.

With no further business, President Keith asked Lion John to dismiss us, with a hearty Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary