

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday July 10, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 14

Guests: 3

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion Keith led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrell gave prayer. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Julie, motioned that we not sing tonight since our song leader was absent. There was no opposition.

After the meal, Lion Sandy introduced Dr. James Oevermann, optometrist at Cypress Family Eyecare at the corner of Hwy 529 and Barker Cypress. Dr. Oevermann said he studied engineering at Texas A&M, and worked as an engineer for several years before he was laid off. He went back to school at U. of H. Downtown, Ophthalmology Department. After graduation he and his wife moved to Paris, TX, where he set up practice. About 6 mo. after being there, they had triplets. Several years later, he decided to move back home to the Houston area, where he graduated from Spring Branch High School. He discussed how he does eye exams on very young children. His staff talks to the parents first, and they try to do as many of the automated measurements as possible based on the child's age. What Dr. Oevermann looks for in very young children, is that the eyes line up correctly, that there are no cataracts, that the child can follow and fixate, and that the light reflex is present. Long acting eye drops are put in the child's eyes to help him complete the examination. It is great if the kids are asleep during this, as he simply has to lift the eyelids and do the internal examination of the eye. He tries to correct kids' vision to 20/30. He also spends a lot of time in discussion with the parents, stressing the importance of making the child wear the corrective lenses. Sometimes he feels like he needs to be a psychologist to deal with parents and their kids. He said the biggest problem is when parents don't think that their child has a vision problem, and won't make them wear glasses. Questions were answered, from things like cataract replacement, to what age are kids ready for contacts.

President Mazher announced the Committee Chairpersons:

Vision Screening and eyeglass pick up: Lion Sandy

Magic Show: Lion Bud

Christmas Cheer Baskets: Lion Becca

Marketing: Lion Merrell

Website: Lion Randy

Service Recognition: Lion Paul

HRF Committee: Lion Stedman

He urged the committee chairpersons to engage others to help with their projects.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members. Motion to accept as written by Lions Merrell and Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, and passed.

Lion Chuck reviewed the last fiscal year records. The 2018-2019 budget was reviewed. Motion to accept budget as prepared made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Stedman, and passed.

We earned \$47.07 at our last Willie's Ice House and Grill event.

Lion Merrell discussed membership. She suggested putting Lions Club information stickers on the little bags of popcorn and giving those out at Movie in the Park night, Bane Park hosts a Movie Night next Tues. (7/17/18) It was suggested that we try to contact the County and have the movie projector set up on Field # 4 instead of Field # 6, so that we could have our concession stand open for the event. Lions Merrell and Julie will follow through.

The Brisket and Beans Dinner has 21 people signed up thus far. Lion Merrell estimates 25 as the breakeven point. She will wait until Thurs. to determine if the event will be cancelled due to lack of participation. She will need help with set up on Mon. morning, July 16.

The District Cabinet meeting will be held here this coming Saturday.

Newest Lion Jennifer Nguyen was presented with her new member packet, pin and vest, by Lion Chuck. Please welcome her into our Lions family.

Two guests from India arrived late, and were introduced. Zone Chairman Lion J. V. Aggerall was in the States to attend the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas, and was visiting his brother who lives in the area. His wife is currently the president of their Club. They do eye screenings in about 100 schools in their area. Their District has 4 eye hospitals, where over 2000 free cataract surgeries are done yearly. There are 46 members in his Club, which was formed in 2008. Their District has 130 Clubs with about 7000 in membership. Their District Governor was presented with Membership Growth Award for having the most new members worldwide. Their Club members visit old age homes, helped to build two classrooms for school kids, and they have a physician in their Club who screens for diabetes, with over 10,000 persons screened. Each April his Club has a social picnic which everyone enjoys. Lion Agerwall presented his District Governor's pin to President Mazher. Our Club pamphlet was given to Lion Agerwall to share with his Club, and another pamphlet was given to his brother to encourage him to join our Club.

Lion Chuck emailed to all members information about the swirled ice machine that has been recommended that we purchase. Discussion about the machine consisted mainly of the hour that it takes to clean it each night, and that fact that it takes 45 min. from start up until serve. Everyone agreed that this was not what we wanted to purchase. Lion Keith will investigate other options.

Lion Bud announced that he has talked with Mr. Gaberino of the Magic Show, and Thurs. Sept. 27, 2018 is open at the Berry Center for our Magic Show. Lion Bud will make sure that it gets booked for us.

Lion Chuck gave follow up on the mystery of why the Harris County Tax Office shows our property owned by the YMCA. He met twice last week with clerks and managers at the Harris County Appraisal District. No one could figure out how the Fairbanks Fellowship Club obtained the property in the 1950's. They could follow the paper trail where we purchased and sold property, but there was NO mention of the YMCA in any records. HCAD will continue to investigate, but Lion Chuck assured us that we indeed own the property.

Lion Milly discussed her Church will be holding a blood drive because blood is desperately needed during the summer. Lion Merrell will try to coordinate a blood drive for us again.

Lion Chuck reported that the Anti-Bullying Kick Ball Tournament previously scheduled for our fields the 1st Saturday in August has been cancelled.

Lion Stedman, after hearing that Lion Milly will be 89 on her next birthday, suggested that our Club celebrate the birthdays of our oldest members while they are still among us.

With no further business, Lion Bob led us in a hearty Lions Roar.

Tail Twister Lion Julie had a fun Paw Rolling game that everyone competed in. Members had to roll special dice with paw prints, and the person with the highest number of paw prints won the game. There was a 3 way tie between Lions Sandy, Paul. and Bud. Then after Lion Sandy was eliminated, Lions Bud and Paul had a "Paw Off" by rolling the special golden

cube. It took many tries, but finally Lion Bud was victorious. He won a small cherry and a small apple pie. Thanks Lion Julie for the game and fun for our meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary