

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday July 24, 2018, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 2

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion Paul led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrell gave prayer. Lion Chuck motioned that we not sing since our song leader was not present. Guests PDG Ron and twin Don Landers were introduced.

After our meal, Lion Chuck introduced PDG Ron Landers. He worked for the Spring Branch ISD in the school transportation department for many years. He has been a member of the Spring Branch Lions Club since 1970, serving as Club President twice, Secretary for 12 years, and Secretary/Treasurer once. His District service includes being Cabinet Secretary for 3 years, Cabinet Treasurer for 3 years, Bookkeeper for 3 years, District Governor in 1995-1996, and has served as elected Trustee to both the Lions Eye Bank of Texas and the Texas Lions Foundation.

PDG Ron thanked us for inviting him and for the wonderful meal. He explained that the Texas Lions Foundation is one of three State 100% contributions, with each Lion giving \$2 per year through their District dues. The Texas Lions Foundation was the brain child of PDG Ed Flood who in 1984 had it on the State ballot. It was approved in 1985 at the State Convention. The first monies to the Foundation were earned by the sale of Lions Mints, which each roll of mint candies earned 2.5cents. It was written into the laws of the Texas Lions Foundation that only the interest could be spent/given to Lions. The main Trust funds or corpus cannot be touched. There are several awards that can be purchased to honor Lions. Operating funds are taken out first, and then grants can be awarded. Emergency grants of \$2000 can be used to purchase food, blankets, medications, etc. Receipts must be turned into the Foundation. After Hurricane Harvey, the Foundation awarded 33 emergency grants of \$2000 each to Clubs in the five Districts which were affected, and to Districts who received and cared for the refugees from the damaged areas. The Foundation also offers humanitarian grants to cover larger expenditures that Clubs need help with, but which are not currently covered by LCI, state, or government facilities. The Lions logo must be prominently displayed when using these grant funds. Several other states also have similar programs to the Texas Lions Foundation.

Secretary's minutes were emailed to all, no corrections were noted. Motion to approve as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. There will probably not be any further baseball until late Aug. or early Sept. The Beans and Brisket Dinner successfully made money.

Lion Chuck reported that the light pole that fell down between fields 4 and 5 is still there. The Cy-Fair Sports Association had an electrician come and make sure all power is off at the pole. They are to have everything disassembled and all glass and debris cleaned by early next week.

Lion Merrell discussed the successful Beans and Brisket Dinner. We make \$214. All prizes were donated. She would like to involve the community more. She is considering a possible blood drive, with the library participating. We could involve other Lions Clubs. It has not been confirmed that the Park Movie Night will be able to be moved to one of our fields so that we can have our concession stand open. She also reminded us that we can sign up at Amazon-Smile, and a small portion of everything we purchase (.5%) can be donated to the Texas Lions Camp at no cost to us. Lion Merrell praised Lion Randy for doing such a fantastic job on

our Website. Pictures from the Beans and Brisket dinner were posted almost immediately. Lion Keith presented Lion Merrell with a small gift of appreciation from Lion Julie for all of Lion Merrell's hard work on the Beans and Brisket Dinner. Lion Merrell reported that she has asked Lion Jennifer Finch about doing a Death By Chocolate Mystery program, which would be a lot less preparation, as only desserts and drinks instead of a full meal could be served, but Lion Jennifer's theater group does not currently do that play. She will look into other possibilities.

Lion Keith discussed the ice crushing machine. What he had found and emailed to everyone is very similar to the one we own currently. No one was interested in upgrading, as our machine works fine.

Lion Bud said the Magic Show Contract has been signed and the company has already started making phone solicitations. The Magic Show will be Thurs. Sept. 27 at 7 PM at the Berry Center.

Lion Chuck reported that the Fairbanks Civic Club received our land as a donation from the Hahl Family in 1956. He has no clue how the YMCA got listed as being an owner, but they did run the pool that members of this Club built in 1960 where Field 6 currently is. The Harris County Assessment District will continue with its search in this mystery.

Lion Chuck reported that Dr. Sherrill Morris, who was recently voted to be dropped due to nonpayment of dues, be reinstated, as she has paid half of her owned amount, and promises to pay the remaining portion. All agreed to reinstate her. She currently lives in MS, but hopes to move back to this area.

Our Club has started the process of purchasing eye exam and glasses for Barbary Smith through the University of Houston.

Lion Tamer Bob discussed the outdoor sign. The crank mechanism at the tongue of the trailer is broken. The lights are broken and the trailer is not worthy to be on the road. He could replace the crank for \$25, but since we don't need it, does not see the need to invest the money in it.

Lion Chuck thanked Lion Keith for pulling the tree seedlings from the gutters again. Lion Chuck has cleaned out the ice machine and weed wacked the weeds in the AC unit fence, and along the flag pole base. Lion Keith reported that Lion Becca has said that her Crew Scouts will complete the landscaping maintenance in front of the building by the first week of Aug.

President Mazher asked Lion Bob to dismiss us with our usual Roar. Lion Bob correctly requested that we give "2 roars on the county of 3", which everyone did heartedly. Lion Jennifer Nguyen had Girl Scout Cookies for sale from her sister.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary