

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 16

Guests: 6

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly at 7 PM. Lion Keith led the pledges to the flags. Lion Paul gave prayer. A moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedies of 9-11-2001 was honored. Lion Jennifer Finch led us in singing "God Bless America." President Mazher proceeded to the Arrest and Sentencing of the Lions who stole his gavel. Lion Keith, of the GPS (Gavel Protective Services) said the poor little gavel was left all alone in the cold when it was found and lifted for its own safety and welfare. Therefore, "you need to be fined and go to gavel counseling." Lion Terry, taking pity on the President, paid his fine with a pint jar of pennies.

During the meal, Tail Twister Lion Julie conducted a drawing for various autumn decorations. Since she had more tickets in the plate than persons present, it took some time to get all the gifts awarded to their new owners.

This was our Handicapped Campers dinner. Rebekah L. said this was her 3rd year to attend Texas Lions Camp, and she loves it. She loves going boating, fishing, (and she even caught and kissed a fish), riding horses, and seeing friends. She did the Zip line for the first time and loved it. She also climbed the rock wall to the top. She loves the dance. She thanked us many times, and said "Lions Camp is the best on earth." Next year will be her last year to attend. Mom said she lived for the face book updates daily. Dad said the staff does a marvelous job, and he can't find anything to complain about at the Camp.

This was Joshua S.'s 2nd year to attend TLC. He slept outside for the first time in a hammock, made a bird house, and liked playing football in the pool. Mom said Josh has been going to Camp for All since he was 8 years old, but last year was his first time away from home and mom. Her husband did not want to see him go then. Mom said Josh loves being on his own and learning new things. This was his last year to attend Camp.

We were presented a bag of used eyeglasses and a check from the Listi family.

Campers and families were invited to stay for the business meeting, or not. They left after pictures were taken of the Campers.

Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, to accept minutes of the last meeting as sent to everyone, passed.

Treasurer's and Membership reports were withheld due to time.

Lion Bud discussed the upcoming Magic Show to be held Thurs. Sept. 27 at 7 PM at the Berry Center. Tickets were available for members to sell at face value or reduced rates. All Lions sales are total profit. We need volunteers to meet and greet at the event. Lions Bud, Dorothy, Chuck, Sandy and Becca volunteered.

Lion Tamer Bob discussed the single dead mouse found. The bait stations are still active with poison. He has sealed all entry previously noted, but will seal a couple smaller ones. Lion Julie suggested applying a chemical to the perimeter of the building to dissuade wildlife from the building.

Lion Becca reported that her landscaping has been rained out, and she will get to it once the weather cooperates.

Lion Chuck reported that an oak tree has been purchased in memorial for Lion PDG C. Don Robinson. The bronze plaque is on order. The tree and plaque will be planted in Oct. per nursery suggestions.

President Mazher asked for volunteers to do vision screening at Hamilton Elementary School Sept. 26-27 per Lion Laura's request. Lion Merrell also discussed another school vision screening they have been invited to attend. She will email Lion Jennifer Nguyen about helping with these school vision screenings since she is an optometrist student.

Lion Julie reported nothing new about upcoming Spirit Nights. She was informed that she needs to set up an online "Profile" for our Club, which she will do. Lion Chuck volunteered his services to help with this.

Lion Jennifer Finch discussed her upcoming Harry Potter Event to be held at our facility and the Library. She needs Lions to help with crafts, to do KidSight Vision Screening, and have the full concession stand open as this will be an all day event, from 10AM through 8PM Saturday Nov. 10. There will be two panel discussions in our meeting room in the afternoon. She hopes to have a blood drive, perhaps a fire truck, and other community related activities in conjunction with the Harry Potter event. Volunteers are needed. Contract for use of the facility was procured by Lions Merrell and Julie.

President Mazher reviewed our HRF assistance requests. One person recently helped asked for more assistance and was explained that HRF is a onetime assistance. Another person contacted us but was not in our area, so that was forwarded to the Lions Club where she lives. A request for eyeglasses for a child in Spring was forwarded to the Houston Aldine Spring Lions Club.

Lion Merrell held a committee for Service Projects prior to tonight's meeting. Lion Becca discussed CERT, and will invite them to come and present to our Club. She also discussed the Jersey Village Farmers Market held the first Sun. of each month at the Civic Center. Our Club could have a booth to display what projects we have done, and be able to do KidSight Vision Screening inside the building. She also discussed that we have been invited to do KidSight Vision Screening at the Friday Oct. 19 Post Elementary Fall Festival.

Lion Chuck reported that there will be 18 games on Sunday (weather permitting). He and Lion Sandy will be attending the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. He will need someone to handle the money. Lion Keith volunteered.

Shop Till You Drop was held last Saturday. Thanks for the Lions who volunteered.

Lion Chuck said we will be placing a new order for the collared polo type Club shirts, as Lion Randy needs one for working the Concession Stand. Those who wish to purchase a second shirt can do so. Lion Jennifer Finch said she needs her first shirt. Please text Lion Chuck ASAP with the size of shirt you desire, and whether you want the purple Club shirt, or the yellow Vision Screening shirt.

Lion Paul had no Library recognitions to discuss.

A ROAR was given for Lion Sandy for collecting another SUV full of used eyeglasses and pill bottles. She has found a recipient for the bottles, so please continue to collect and bring to the meetings.

Lion Julie publically thanked Lion Randy for getting things done quickly on our website. Lion Dorothy reminded us to sell tickets for the Magic Show.

With no further business, Lion Randy dismissed us with a hearty Lions Roar at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Martin, Secretary