

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday February, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 12**

**Guests: 3**

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. He stated that he was guarding his gavel “with his life”. Lion Paul led the pledges to the flags. Lion Becca gave prayer. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Paul, requested no song. Guests were introduced. Paul Berry is a former Lion from El Paso Downtown Lions Club who has moved to our area. Debbie Passo will be our featured speaker. Paul Rory was a walk in guest who found our Club through our website and decided to check us out.

During the meal, Tail Twister Julie had drawings, which were won by Lions Merrell and Bob.

Debbie Passo explained Senior Rides and More. She said they work out of a donated room of a Church, serving 31 Zip Codes in Harris and Fort Bend Counties. They have recently started working with Northwest Assistance Ministries, and with Cypress Assistance Ministries. This nonprofit service provides free transportation for seniors who have aged out of driving, for doctor’s visits, grocery shopping, haircuts, etc. Most volunteers who drive are also seniors who like to help others. They drive their own cars, and the program does not transport persons in wheelchairs, but the clients need to be mobile. Volunteers are not committed to any specific time or day, they just volunteer when they want. Senior Rides posts what part of town, the date and time that a ride is needed, and volunteers pick up the clients. If no volunteers are available, the company can use a taxi service or other public transportation like Lyft or Uber. Last year about 100 clients enrolled in the service, but now it is about 5 per day. Senior Rides and More is a faith based community service started in 1994. They do background checks on volunteers, and no special insurance is needed for your vehicle to participate. Ms. Passo passed out booklets, information, and applications for volunteers to all present.

The newsletter and minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members by Lion Sandy. No corrections or additions were noted. Motion to accept as written was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, and passed.

Treasurer’s report was given. There are lots of dues still outstanding.

Lion Merrell reported on Membership. John Knox Presbyterian Church will be having their Spring Market Days the same weekend as our Camp Word Day weekend. Lions Merrell and Bob will attend a fundraising seminar sponsored by CFISD on Feb. 26. Lion Chuck reported that next meeting we will have two more prospective guests, along with DG Karl Johnson. These guests are in conjunction with Goal Ball, a type of soccer for the blind and visually impaired, and DG. Karl will explain at that meeting.

President Mazher presented Lion Bob with a Gold Centennial Membership Pin for recruiting and retaining a new Lion that has stayed two years.

On upcoming officer elections, Lion Keith reported that no one had called or emailed that they want any specific officer positions. He will work with Lion Terry to come up with a slate of officers for the upcoming year. The proposed officers need to be announced to the Club at two different meetings, and the election needs to be held in early April so that the Secretary can get the required officers reported to LCI within a timely manner. Lions Chuck and Sandy are willing to vacate their long-standing positions if others wish to assume the Treasurer and Secretary positions. These duties were given to Lion Keith and then e-mailed to him.

There will be a baseball tournament this coming weekend with approximately 65 games on Sat. and Sun. According to the schedule, there will be tournaments on our fields each weekend through the end of March. Baseball leagues during the week won't start until later. Lion Keith said he would like to see the price of packets of bubblegum raised to \$1 per bag of 15 pieces. Lion Chuck reported that he hated to do that, as gum is cheap and we still make a good profit from it at \$.50 per bag. There was no further discussion or vote about this. Lion Paul will need volunteers to work the concession stand this weekend. It was strongly suggested that we have four people on the middle shift, and 3 on other shifts.

Lion Julie reported on the social event she is planning on Sat. April 13 at her home. It will be a fun event for members and prospective members, with dinner, dessert, games and lots of fun. Lion Merrell will prepare and send out a flyer to everyone.

The Lions Eye Bank of Texas Bowl-A-Thon was this past weekend. We had a team, and Lion Brad tied for the highest score. Everyone who went had a great time.

President Mazher reminded all of the Lions Leadership Tools and Webinar coming up on Feb. 19 at 7 PM. Anyone can sign up and attend this online webinar.

The Lighthouse of Houston is having Go Texan Day on February 22 and needs volunteers to help the visually impaired at that facility.

President Mazher is still looking for someone to attend the Lions Leadership Forum in Austin March 2 & 3. He will donate the \$50 certificate he won at the PSC meeting to anyone who is interested in going. This is a wonderful seminar, very educational.

He mentioned Lions at the United Nations Day in New York City if anyone is interested.

He discussed the District Opportunity for Youth Contests for high school juniors and seniors. The three contests are Diabetic Awareness, Drug Awareness speech, and Outstanding Youth. Applications need to be in by March 31, with District competition April 13. District winners will be awarded scholarships.

Lion Keith discussed Camp Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp Sat. April 6. Please let him know if you are going so that he can notify the Camp. He asked the Secretary to send out an email to all members to let him know if you want to go, and if you want to stay at the Camp bunk house for free. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Lion Paul discussed being contacted about a Kelly Miller Circus to be held in March. He has not heard back from them on any details.

Eye screenings continue, however at a slower pace than in the fall. All screening information is reported on the monthly reports submitted to LCI by the Secretary.

Lion Julie has written a letter to be sent to Lions Club Presidents in the District in conjunction with iBug, seeking iphones for use by the blind.

Lion Chuck reported that he has requested copies of unpaid bills from the family of the young girl with multiple medical issues whom we agreed to help with a matching HRF grant. President Mazher will inform Zone Chair Lisa Free-Martin that we have run into a roadblock with this request at this time.

Up coming speakers for our Club meetings will be American Red Cross Feb. 26, Kids Meals on March 12, LCI Campaign 100 on March 26, and Lions Museum and Lions Eye Bank on April 9.

Lion Chuck reported that he has finally received a reply from the Harris County Appraisal District about the confusion with past taxes on our property. It has been 7 months, but the YMCA was never listed as owing property here. The property was sold by the Fairbanks Civic Organization to the Cy-Fair Lions Club. The HCAD requests changes be made to our

organizational paperwork. Lion Chuck will go and meet with them again to hopefully finally clear up this confusion.

Lion Julie reported that the Scouts used the meeting room for their Pinewood Derby and kept it clean. She has an agreement for a graduation party upcoming, and the Umpires will be using the facility for training.

Lion Becca presented a list of meals that we could have for our meetings. A variety of menu types were offered, including vegetarian options at most meals. She hoped to order 20 meals and take any leftover food to the needy. She hopes to get some meals donated, or at cost, and thus be able to hopefully reduce the cost per member of the meals. Lion Becca will handle the next meal.

Lion Merrell discussed the possibility of having a Spring Clean Fling one weekend, where we would collect used clothing, shoes, linens, eyeglasses, bottles, electronics, etc. It would serve as a community service to help people clean up and properly dispose of items in their homes, and we could sell the used clothing as our fund raiser. She suggested advertising in Libraries, Next Door, stores, etc. She will work with companies and set a date and provide a flyer.

President Mazher thanked Lion Julie for the wonderful meal tonight.

Lion Chuck brought up some old business about the credit card company. Upon further research, it was learned that there is no advantage to moving our credit card company to Wells Fargo Bank because we would have to rent the machine in order to get service, which would not be cost effective.

Lion Chuck brought up the Hole Sponsorship for the Texas Lions Camp Golf Tournament to be held in Kerrville in early August. Cost to sponsor a hole is just \$100, and we would get our name on that hole. Motion to sponsor one hole was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Becca, and passed.

With no further business, President Mazher asked Lion John to dismiss us, which he did by "2 on 3".

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary