

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 4

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly with a loud gong. Lion Paul Yackley led the pledges to the flags. Lion Merrell gave prayer. Guests were introduced: Muslafa Jafferjiel, guest of President Mazher, Paul Berry, a prospective member, and guest speaker Kimberly Patel and Leslie Sanchez from the American Red Cross.

The winner of Lion Julie's Tail Twister Paw Print rolling game was Lion Sandy, with 8 paw prints. She won a box of Ferrero chocolates, which she shared.

Kimberly Patel is a volunteer for the American Red Cross, and here to talk with us about home fire safety. Home fires are the number one disaster in America. The American Red Cross installs smoke detectors free in homes, with 524 lives being saved from these detectors. Every day seven people die from home fires. You have only two minutes to safely get out of your home in case of fire, so every second counts. Every time to adjust your clocks for the time changes, you should test and/or change the batteries in your smoke detectors and change out the food and water in your emergency food kits. Remember to Stop, Drop, and Roll, stay low in a fire where the oxygen is, and be sure to establish a meeting point outside for everyone. Each room needs to have two escape routes. Families need to create an escape plan, and test smoke alarms regularly. In May, the Red Cross will install 1000 smoke alarms in homes in the 3rd Ward area. They are looking for 333 teams of 3 persons each. One person will do the installation, another will be educating the family on fire safety, and the third will document everything. They will provide all the tools, training and units needed for this project. The Red Cross responds to 34 fires per day, usually within two hours, to assist families with clothing, a place to sleep, and they are given a pre paid debit card for their immediate needs.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to everyone. There were no reported corrections. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Julie, and passed.

Lion Chuck reported that Lion Randy is working on getting the financial reports on the website in a password protected area for everyone to review. Last weekend we averaged about \$100 per game for the weekend tournament, a great success for us.

Lion Merrell gave everyone three slips of sticky paper on which to write three ways to get more members. We were to continue this during the rest of the meeting.

Lion Keith was not here to present the proposed slate of officers for 2019-2020. President Mazher passed out the officers for everyone. It was noted that Lion Randy cannot hold both the Vice President and a Director positions, but Lion Keith had emailed Lion Sandy that Lion John Peterson would take over the last year of Lion Randy's Director position.

Nominations were:

President: Becca Franco

Vice President: Randy Matthews

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Membership: Julie Blaies

Lion Tamer: Paul Yackely

Tail Twister: Keith Blaies

LCIF Coordinator: Terry Peterson

Directors: Merrell Green and Bob Rugur for 2 yr term, Milly Spencer fulfilling the second year of her 2 year term, and John Peterson fulfilling the second year of the term started by Randy Matthews.

There were no other nominations.

There will be a baseball tournament this weekend with approximately 68 games. We will need three shifts of concession stand workers on Sat. and Sun., with hopefully 3-4 people on the busy middle shift. Drinks are ordered. Lion John is to purchase foods. Lions Keith and Chuck have purchased extra foods this past weekend when we ran out of things.

Lions Leadership Forum is this weekend in Austin. President Mazher still has a certificate for free admission for anyone. Lion Becca said she would love to go but has a previous commitment she needs to fulfill. Lion Chuck suggested that President Mazher return the certificate to Lion Paul Moore, President of the PSC, who donated it so that someone else can use it.

March 6 will be a Zone Meeting at China Bear Restaurant at 6 PM prior to the PSC meeting, and the focus is Membership. Lions Merrell, Julie and Becca plan to attend, along with President Mazher, Secretary Sandy, and Treasurer Chuck.

Mon. March 18 will be Spirit Night at Willie's Ice House and Grill at Jones Road and Hwy. 290, from 5 PM until closing. Please invite as many people as you can as we receive 15% of the profits if we mention that we are supporting the Lions Club. Lion Becca asked Lion Julie to bring her Paw Prints Rolling game to promote fun.

March 31 is the deadline for Youth Contests.

New Officers are to be reported to LCI by April 1.

Sat. April 6 is Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Becca is not sure how many Scouts she will have going. Lion Keith is finalizing meals for us.

Sat. April 13 Lions Julie and Keith will be hosting a Game Night at their home. This is a fun night for Lions, spouses, and prospective members. Please let Lions Julie or Merrell know if you plan to attend so appropriate meals can be available.

June 11 will be new officer installation by 1st Vice District Governor Tony Austin.

Lion Merrell suggested a fun Bar-B-Q night for Tues. July 9. We could cook hamburgers out on a grill, eat outside on the picnic tables, and have a fun night instead of a meeting. It was suggested we invite Marie Robinson and daughters and dedicate PDG Don Robinson's tree that night.

Lion Becca is working to secure a speaker about Pediatric Cancer for a July meeting.

Lion Becca has procured the meals for tonight. Lion Julie has agreed to do the meals and minutes on March 26 when Lion Sandy will be absent. President Mazher advised the meals committee to work together to provide meals as needed.

Vision Screening is ongoing. Lion Chuck worked a See to Succeed event in the Heights on Mon. See to Succeed screened their 11,000th child recently. Lion Sandy will pick up used eyeglasses later this week so they can be turned in at the PSC meeting on March 6.

Lion Chuck reported that the Board of Directors approved the \$500 filing fee to the Secretary of State regarding our Club. HCAD is "still working" on getting the YMCA off the tax rolls for our property.

Lion Merrell presented a completed Membership Application for former Lion Paul Berry. She motioned, seconded by Lion Chuck, that we accept him into the membership of our Club. Motion passed with none opposed.

Lion Terry Landers of the Heights Lions Club passed away earlier this week. He had been District Webmaster for a number of years. Lion Chuck motioned that we send \$500 to the Texas Lions Camp in his honor. Motions seconded by Lion Bud, and passed.

Lion Merrell had everyone place their three pieces of paper, each with a way to increase membership, on the three poster boards. We were then to put a check on the three that we liked best, but we could NOT mark our own suggestions. The three suggestions with the most check marks were: put ads in civic and other club newsletters, reach out to our beneficiaries (Scouts, Campers, renters, etc., and attend and present Lions Clubs to Community events. Lion Merrell will send out an email discussing the suggestions received. Lion Jennifer Finch has been promoted to Head Librarian at the Spring Branch Public Library. Unfortunately, their late night is Tues. nights, so she will not be able to attend meetings, but will continue to work the Concession stand when available. It was suggested that we reach out to non involved current members of our Club to entice them to become active again. President Mazher will divide the current roster and he, Lions Bud and Julie, will call and make personal contact with non involved Lions. It was suggested that Lion Milly could perhaps call people as she is currently unable to attend meeting.

With no further business, Lion Brad was asked to dismiss us, which he did with 2 roars on the count of 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary