

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Sept. 10, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 10

Guests: 12

President Becca opened the meeting with a loud gong. Lion Paul Berry led the pledges to the flags. Lion Julie gave prayer. Guest of Lion Bud is Barbara Smith. Other guests are our handicapped campers who will introduce themselves and their parents later after the meal.

After the hot dog meal, President Becca thanked the Camper families for coming and sharing their stories with us. First year camper, Christopher H, introduced himself and his mother, Carol Lee. He said "Camp was good." He liked the work shop the best, but "the pool was cool". His favorite food was chocolate milk at every meal. He definitely wants to go back to Texas Lions Camp. Mom said this was the first time her son was away from her. She was very impressed when the Camp called her about questions about his medication before giving it the first time. She spent the week waiting for the Camp to call and tell her to pick up Christopher, but it never happened.

James F, another first year camper, introduced himself and his mom, Christine. He made us a Thank You card. He said he had a good time, and got to "wash his bunkmates in mayonnaise." He wants to return to TLC. Mom also said this was the first time her son was away from home at Camp, but she felt it was a very safe place for his first overnight camp experience.

Brothers Christopher and Zachary were also first time Campers. Chris liked swimming and "chicken chasing." He informed us there is one chicken named Fluffy. He also liked the camp out up on the hill. Zach said he liked swimming, paddle boats, horses, and the fireworks. (They were at Camp during July 4th). Both said they wanted to go back to TLC, because some of the stuff they wanted to do is only done by older kids. Mom also said she kept waiting for the Camp to call for some emergency, but it never happened. She felt very comfortable with the Texas Lions Camp experience for her children, as did her grandmother, a retired nurse.

Rebekah L thanked us for letting her go to Camp. She loves the horses and liked the zip line although she is afraid of heights. She liked to fish, said she caught a huge fish, and had to kiss it. She said her mom used to be her best friend, but she has made new best friends since attending TLC. She loves archery and all sports. She has gone to Camp for 4 years, this being her last year. She wants to be a councilor after she turns 18. Dad thanked the Lions, saying it was a wonderful experience for Rebekah and them. He and his wife spoke with Camp Director Steven Mabry about the upcoming improvements to the Camp.

Minutes from the last meeting were emailed to Lions. There were no corrections reported. Motion to accept as written made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We grossed \$2100 on the Sun. double header games alone this week.

Lion Julie reported that the Membership Committee of Lions Paul Berry, Merrell, Jennifer and Julie will submit a report at the next meeting. Lion Chuck reported that he has continued ongoing contact with visitors Corey and Yolanda, and will continue follow up with them.

President Becca reported that she attended the PSC meeting and sat with a PDG Bert Baker from Crosby and wants to discuss his ideas with us later.

Humble Noon Lions Club will host a Bingo night on Fri. Oct. 11.

Lion Terry will again be in charge of Wreaths Across America.

The Bob Dowden Dinner will be Sat. Oct. 5. One table and 7 additional seats have been secured. Let the Secretary know if you plan to attend. Our Club is again in charge of the check out process of the silent and live auctions. Lions Becca, Keith, Mazher and Chuck will plan to meet together at the Den to make sure all equipment works together prior to the Dinner. Bring your craft projects, baskets, etc to the next meeting so they can be delivered prior to the actual dinner.

Paul Yackley reported some plumbing problems. The water filter on the outside of the building needs replaced/cleaned. The Insta-Hot water heaters in the bathrooms also need cleaning to function properly. It is unsure if these are things we can do ourselves or must get a plumber to come out and fix. Everyone thanked Lion Paul for the beautiful ceiling and floors.

Lion Julie reported several room rentals for Sept. and Oct.

Lion Brad reported that baseball has started again. We had to pay the Women's Club to work mid shift on Sunday because not enough Lions volunteered to work the single day of baseball. We had to pay \$350 that could have gone into our Charity account. We have recently given monies to Camp Hope, Paws for Heroes, and other Charities thanks to our earnings from baseball. Scouts and Women's Club also work football concessions. There may be a tournament this weekend. Sunday is again the double header league. Lions Chuck and Sandy will be away to the USA-Canada Lions Forum for the next 2 weekends. Someone will need to take care of the money in his absence. Week night games begin the end of Sept. President Becca said she and Tony will work Thursday evenings.

Shop Till You Drop is this Sat. from 9AM to 5 PM at the Berry Center. Our Club will again be doing KidSight Vision Screening. We need screeners and Lions to talk with parents about the importance of early vision screening, and to promote our Club. Please notify Lion Sandy if you can spare a few hours on this project.

Lion Keith reported that the credit card machine seems to have a glitch when it is first turned on. Lion Chuck will contact the provider about this.

Lion Brad proposed that we drop pizza from our concession stand menu and substitute with sausage on a stick or brats on a bun. They would be cooked/heated in the oven, and then kept in the pretzel warmer. He will do further research on pricing.

Spirit Night at Willie's will be Monday Oct. 15.

Lion Keith reported that the service hour tracking app he discussed at the last meeting is actually \$24 a month, not \$24 per year as reported. He will let his trail expire.

Please let Lion Sandy know if you would like to purchase the purple Club shirts. She needs to know if you want men's or women's sizes when you order.

Lion Bud has tickets to the Magic Show. We forgot to announce that to the Campers when they were here earlier tonight. Lion Sandy was asked to email all campers and offer tickets for \$5 each.

President Becca has been answering questions on the Next Door sight about where to volunteer. She reminded us that studies have shown that people need to hear something 7 times before it sometimes registers, and to keep inviting prospective members.

With no further business, Lion Bud dismissed us with "2 roars on 3"

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary