

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Oct. 8, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 9

Guests: 5

President Becca opened the meeting promptly. Lion Randy led the pledges to the flags. Lion Becca gave prayer. Guests were introduced: Tim Vozar, guest of Lion Chuck and the man who loaned us another credit card machine for the Bob Dowden Dinner; Elected Camp Director PDG Rick Reynolds, Elected Camp Director IPDG Karl Johnson, and Lion Jane Johnson. Later Lion Bud was brought to the meeting by his friend, Carlos.

President Becca thanked our Elected Camp Directors and Jane for coming to present to us tonight. IPDG Karl showed a video of a now famous actress Little Person who attended Texas Lions Camp for 4 years. She said, "This is what you as Lions have done", made her into a confident woman. Even 20 years later, she still remembers the silly songs, signs, etc. IPDG Karl briefly spoke about the upcoming improvements to our Texas Lions Camp. Currently there is one campus over 515 acres. The plan is to improve and expand the facilities to allow four different sessions ongoing at the same time. Phase I calls for the complete renovation of the bunkhouses, which were built 70 years ago. Trails need to be redone, and new facilities built. A professional fund raising company has been hired to seek corporate sponsorships and funds. He said Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has been the top recruiter of Campers in this District for the past several years. The Cash for Camp board was present for those who wanted to help donate to the Camp. There has been no public release of the final plans for expansion by the Texas Lions Camp Board at present. President Becca said that both she and Lion Randy have had family members who attended TLC and what a difference the Camp made in those children's lives.

Secretary's minutes were emailed to all members. No corrections were reported. Motion to accept as written was made by Lion Mazher, seconded by Lion Brad, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given. We owe the District for the funds that were collected through our Credit Card machines for the Bob Dowden Dinner last Sat.

Lion Paul Berry reported that Lion Julie was making some updates on the membership cards and flyers as discussed at the last meeting. Lion Chuck reported that he is still working on his two prospective members. Edward Mellon, Godson of Lion Dorothy, plans to join our Club. Prior to tonight's meeting, a Lion from Michigan who recently moved into the area and was watching his Grandson play baseball, came and introduced himself.

The Bob Dowden Dinner was held last Saturday evening and was a lot of fun, with an interactive Mystery show about a stolen diamond studded gavel. Those attending from our Club were Lions Bob, Merrell, John, Terry, Julie, Keith, Becca and husband Tony, Mazher and wife Nahid, Stedman and wife Audrey, Chuck and Sandy. Thanks to all who donated items for the Silent Auction, and many thanks for all who purchased items to help our Texas Lions Camp.

Our Magic Show will be held in 2 weeks, Oct. 22, at 7 PM at the Berry Center. There will NOT be a regular Lions Club meeting held here that evening. There will not be a meal served, so please eat before you come to help out. Wear your yellow Lions vest or purple Club shirt. We need Lions to greet the public, sell tickets, collect tickets at the doors to the theater, and thank everyone after the performance. We still have discount tickets available for \$5 each.

There will be a District Cabinet Meeting at the Lion's Den on Sat. Oct. 12. Lion Chuck requests Lions to help set up the room, refill supplies in the restrooms, make coffee, pick up food, etc. Lion Brad volunteered.

President Becca will get information about the Jersey Village Fall Festival.

Lion Brad discussed the need for Lions to step up and help in our Concession Stand so that we don't have to hire other organizations to work for us, thus keeping the funds in our accounts.

Lion Chuck reported that 2 weeks ago the AC unit in the kitchen and concession stand stopped working, but he was able to get it going again. However it stopped again and the motor had to be replaced at a cost of \$ 575. It is now cool in the kitchen and the concession stand again.

Willie's Spirit Night is next Mon. Oct. 14 from 5 PM to closing. Bring lots of friends and family for a fun night of fellowship and good food. Our last Spirit Night was our highest profits yet.

The Celebration of Life of Lion Dorothy Casey was held here last Saturday. Our Club made and served Lion Dorothy's special spaghetti sauce, along with a beautiful salad and bread done by Lion Julie. Friends of the family donated a variety of desserts. The meeting room was full of friends and family. Many, many thanks for all who assisted to make this a success: President Becca, Lions Julie, Bob, Merrell, Brad, Keith, Sandy, and anyone else whom I forgot. Our Club will honor Lion Dorothy with a name brick for our flag pole, and a memorial donation to the Texas Lions Camp in her honor.

President Becca will ask Lion Keith if he can arrange our annual Work Day at the Camp for Sat. April 4. She said our Club has Lions who are passionate about various activities, such as Kids Meals, Vision Screening, Cheer Baskets, TLC, etc. She challenged us "if you are passionate about an issue, lead a project in our Club. Be the Merit Badge Councilor who makes a difference."

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM after Lion Mazher dismissed us with "2 roars on 3."

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary