

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Nov. 11, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 9

Guests: 4

President Becca opened the meeting promptly. Lion Brad led the pledges to the flags. Lion John gave prayer. President Becca led us in singing “God Bless America” and thanked all the veterans for their service. Guests were introduced: Ted Mellen, guest of Lion Bud who has requested acceptance to our Club, Jennifer and Eric Ybarra, guests of Lion Keith, and PDG Chris Mooreman who is our guest speaker.

After the meal, PDG Lion Chuck introduced PDG Chris. He has held many positions in the District, and every position in his home Liberty Lions Club. Currently he is the State Leadership Chairperson.

PDG Chris said leadership is one of the secrets of Lions Clubs. The first Wed. of each month is the President and Secretary’s meeting, where you can learn and meet with other Lions in our District. All Lions are welcome. There are Webinars available to Lions. Training and education take place at our Mid-Winter Conference which will be held Jan. 25, 2020, with four different sessions on frequently asked questions, and networking with other District Lions. The Texas Leadership Forum is March 7 & 8, 2020 in Austin, with lots of learning opportunities and networking. The USA-Canada Forum is an excellent place to go to many various sessions and learn more about Lions. Next Sept. the USA-Canada Forum will be held in Louisville, KY, and that makes it close enough for District 2-S2 Lions to drive there. The Lions Learning Center is available year-round online. At Lions University, you can take courses and earn a Bachelor’s, Master’s or Doctorate degree. You complete an online course, and take a test and if you pass, you are given credit for the course, just like at regular college. PDG Chris mentioned that at his job, management brought in professional leadership instructors at great cost to the company, and he was amazed that the same material is available online at Lions University. By partaking of these programs, you develop skills to lead in your Club and District and learn to train other volunteers. These online programs are at no cost to you. You must attend USA-Canada Forum to receive your degrees and your diploma and pin through Lions University. There is also an Advanced Lions Leadership Institution, and Faculty Development Institute to help train adults through adult learning and teaching. PDG Chris is currently in charge of training Lions throughout the state. He is also one of two Lions in our District who has completed his PhD through Lions University and certified to train incoming District Governors.

President Becca asked the Secretary for the minutes of the last meeting. We held our Magic Show the night of the last scheduled meeting, so no minutes were available. Lion Keith motioned that there were not minutes to be reviewed, which was seconded by Lion Chuck.

Treasurer’s report was given. We did make our guaranteed \$1500 from the Magic Show; however, the promoter and the call center did not make money this year. We only had half as many in attendance as last year, with 105 tickets turned in at the door. Patrons seemed to enjoy the show, both in person, and on social media. The Administration Account is in need of Lions to pay their outstanding dues. Please don’t delay.

The concession stand has been a good money maker; however we need more workers. Lion Brad is feeling overwhelmed, and he may need an assistant to help with scheduling. He says he will step down after this season of baseball is over. He could not get any workers to run the concession stand the previous night, so it was not opened during League games. The

problem is, if we don't open, games will be moved from our fields and we will lose our income source. If you can't work, please respond to Lion Brad's email so that he knows you have received it and he is not tracking people down. We need Lions to work a minimum of one shift a month to help out.

Wreaths Across America forms are in the concession stand and available for you to take for sales. Lion Terry is still heading up this project although she is caring for her son in Austin. The live wreaths come from Maine via semi-trucks with a motorcycle escort, and are placed on the graves of the soldiers at the Houston National Cemetery. Lion Terry has three military backpacks that will be awarded to the top wreath sellers. President Becca will reach out to the Jersey Village High School ROTC to sell wreaths. People can purchase wreaths at the concession stand via credit card, however, please mark the receipt WREATHS so that the funds remain separate. There is a trifold display available at the concession stand. Wreath placement will be Sat. Dec. 14, after the beautiful service at 11AM at the hemisphere amphitheater at the National Cemetery.

Lion Julie was absent, so no report on room rentals.

Lion Sandy was asked to report on the Children's Christmas Wish List project. In the Nov. Club newsletter that went out the first of this month, she discussed this project and asked those who wanted to participate to please let her know so she knew how many children's wish lists to pick up at the PSC meeting on Dec. 4. Lion Chuck was the only one who responded. But she took a chance and picked up 10 requests. These were passed around the room, and you were to put your name on the copied sheet for the child you choose. Gifts are to be UN wrapped, but secured in a bag with the Wish List stapled or taped securely to it. Please include wrapping paper or a gift bag, as this is the only way parents can participate in their child's Christmas. All gifts are to be brought to the new Club meeting on Tues. Nov. 26 so they can be taken to the PSC meeting on Dec. 4.

Lion Chuck reminded everyone that the District Governor will be visiting us on Tues. Dec. 10. We need to decide on a gift for him. Since he was on the Board of the Light House of Houston, motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, that we purchase a brick in his name for the Light House of Houston. Motion passed. Lion Chuck also asked for assistance to put up the Christmas tree early in Dec. for the DG visit.

Lion Julie was not present to discuss Membership.

Lion Bud reported that Ted Mellen has desired to become a member of this Club. He has worked twice in the concession stand, attended a meeting, and attended the PSC meeting. There will be a brief Board of Directors meeting afterwards to vote.

President Becca discussed the 100 Christmas food Cheer baskets our Club will assemble and deliver this Christmas. Letters of recommendation by the school nurses has been sent out. Ninety baskets will go to needy CFISD children, and 10 baskets will go to needy families the Lions members know about. Various Scouts are collecting specific food items, such as canned vegetables, bags of sugar and flour, etc. Our Club purchases the frozen turkeys, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Delivery of the baskets will be Sat. Dec. 21. Teams of Lions, Scouts, friends, etc. will deliver 3-4 baskets to a similar neighborhood. Parents of older children say the delivering of baskets is a life changing event for these kids. We make a difference in their lives as well as those whom we feed.

No date has been set to assemble Kids Meals bags. President Becca has left over Halloween candy and lots of toilet paper rolls we could put the candy in and wrap in paper to include in the Kids Meals bags. It was suggested instead we put the candy rolls in the Christmas Cheer Baskets.

Vision Screening is ongoing.

PDG Chris thanked us for all that we do. We are a small Club that does a lot and makes a difference in our community.

There will be a brief BOD meeting directly after this meeting.

With no further business, Lions Paul and Paul dismissed us with “3 roars on 2”. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary