



Hays County Citizens Sheriff's Academy Alumni Association Minutes (April 20, 2021)

Date/Time: April 20, 2021 start @ 6:35 p.m. end @ 9:00 p.m.

Location: Hays County PSB

Attendees: Gary Anderson, Rick Brennes, Mary Capps, Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Bert Estrada, Cathy Gieselman, Wayne Kendrick, Ron Kondoff, Hans Reiche, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Dax Verleye, Wendy Wasko, Bruce Harlan

Minutes by: Ruth Diamond

Call to order at 6:35 p.m. by Cathy Gieselman

Presentation to Alumni - Jeffrey Jordan expressed thanks to the alumni for their participation in assisting with court security training at the Hays Government Center on March 16th. He gave certificates (10 in all) to those alumni members that participated that evening. He is trying to schedule another one of these training classes in the fall, probably Sept to mid-Oct timeframe and will keep us posted if this materializes.

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Bruce Harlan introduced J. Craig Sangrey, Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshall Service/Houston Field Office

Approve Minutes – Jack Diamond approved the minutes from March, with a second from Bert Estrada. Cathy also discussed that the meeting minutes can be found on the HCCSAAA website. **Motion Passed.**

Approve Treasurer's Report – Bert Estrada approved the treasurer's report as provided by Gary with a second from Ruth Diamond. **Motion Passed.**

Membership Report - Gary stated that as of the night's meeting we have 23 paid members this year. When asked how many potential members are out there (based on the total Citizens Academy classes taught), he estimated 600 total students.

New Business

1. At the invitation of Jeffrey Jordan, Cathy requested possible member attendance to commemorate the 105 fallen Texas officers in the Hays County Government Center rotunda on **Thursday, May 13th at noon.**
2. The Executive Board is reviewing our current bylaws which need updating and is looking into forming additional committees for our association. Each committee must have three members to be valid. One committee that has been formed is the *Fundraising and Marketing Committee*. Jack Diamond has been appointed as Chairman and Ruth Diamond as Vice-Chairman. Updated committee information will be provided to members as committees are formed.

Mats for PSB Update - Gary stated he has ordered 2 floor mats for the entrance/exit doors of the PSB lobby at a total cost of \$805.50 to the alumni account. Three logos will be printed in each of the mats.

Cheeseburger Fundraiser Update - Cathy confirmed the two fundraisers for **Wednesday, May 12th at the Government Center in San Marcos and Wednesday, May 19th at Cypress Creek Church, Wimberley**. Many of the volunteer slots for these two fundraisers have been filled, but we are still looking for additional volunteers for both dates; especially delivery drivers. She then turned over the presentation to Jack who discussed this will be a pre-order/pickup style fundraiser vs the cafeteria style we have had in the past, due to the Coronavirus situation. Because of this we need to be more persistent in obtaining pre-orders and pick-up orders. To assist in this effort, we will order a 4x10 banner and directional arrow signs from SignArt (Normal cost is \$300 but they agreed to do for \$100). Both San Marcos and Wimberley Chambers of Commerce have agreed to put our flyer in their newsletters. To help reduce costs, Jack has contacted both the HEB in San Marcos and Wimberley, as well as Sam's for donations. Wimberley HEB has donated \$200, and we are awaiting word from the others. Ruth passed around printouts of the banner and flyers for review and editing. Cathy will print copies once final versions of flyers are complete.

Suggestions from members:

- Rick Brennes suggested we meet with general managers at local automobile dealers and ask to purchase for their staff. We will need to provide receipt for tax donation since we are 501c3.
- Mary Capps suggested to distribute flyers to San Marcos schools.
- Bert Estrada said there is a stockpile of bottled water at Emergency Management, and he will talk with Mike Jones to see if they will donate to us for event.
- Rick Brennes suggested the need to create an ordering link that we can put on the flyer so as not to inundate Irene with orders. Cathy will contact Steve Meyer to create this link for an order form that can be used online and by Irene.

Alumni Survey Results - Cathy presented a PowerPoint highlighting the results of the e-mailed member survey. There were approximately 149 e-mails sent and 17 returned (11% return). The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the website. Bruce Harlan suggested we form a "Recruitment" Committee to increase membership which will be addressed with the Executive Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming dates: Cheeseburger Fundraiser San Marcos - Wednesday, May 12th

Next meeting - Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 at PSB

Cheeseburger Fundraiser Wimberley – Wednesday, May 19th

Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, Thursday, May 13th @ Noon in the Rotunda of the Government Center
(Alumni members invited by Jeffrey Jordan)

National Peace Officers Memorial Day, Sunday, May 15th

Alumni Class Graduation - Thursday, July 1st, Alumni Assoc. providing dinner

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 5th

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day - Sunday, January 9th, 2022