

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting June 15, 2021 @ PSB Building

Attendees: Gary Anderson, Mary Capps, Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Bert Estrada, Cathy Gieselman, Steve Meyer, Hans Reiche, Mike Sickmiller, Diana Welsch.

Call to Order: Cathy Gieselman at 6:35 p.m.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Bruce Harlan introduced Rebecca Shelley, Agent/Enforcement Division, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Rebecca has been in law enforcement since 2002 and with TABC for the past two years.

Approve Minutes: Jack Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes from March as presented, with a second from Diana Welsch. Meeting minutes can be found on the HCCSAAA website as well as Facebook.

Approve Treasurer's Report: Steve Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report which covered March through May as provided by Gary Anderson with a second from Ruth Diamond. It was noted by Steve Meyer that the Treasurer's Report does not require a vote; it is a *report*. Future agendas will reflect that. The Treasurer's Report's will be presented, and any changes or corrections will be discussed; but no vote will be required for approval of the report.

Membership Report: Gary stated we currently have 25 paid members this year. Cathy is scheduled to speak at the Citizens Academy class on 6/17/21 to provide information to prospective members about membership with the HCCSAAA.

Mats for PSB: Gary noted the mats for the PSB are in place; this task has been accomplished.

Update on Trophy Case/Member Shirts: Cathy provided an update as to where we are with the proposed Trophy Case purchase. Members present agreed that we continue to pursue the possibility of having a custom-made trophy case. Updates will be provided once further research has been completed and members will be presented with information prior to any purchase being made. Depending on numbers and what we can get, we may have a private donor to assist with cost if we do choose to go with a custom-made case.

Cathy said we are looking into possibly ordering some other alumni shirts (like a lighter-weight fishing shirt) color considerations were also discussed to have an additional option to the burgundy polo type shirt we presently have for sale. An update will be provided once further information is available.

Review/Discuss Revisions to Bylaws: Bylaws were included with the June agenda for review. The following changes were requested by members present at the June meeting:

- Change in Article I, Section I: "herein referred to as the "Alumni Association" to: herein referred to as "HCCSAAA"
- Add in under Article IV, Section 2: "...otherwise, a verbal vote from members in attendance in good standing shall be taken."
- Add back in the line in Article IV, Section 6): "Alumni association checks shall require the signature of the Treasurer and one other elected officer."
- Change in Article VI, Section 1: "At least two (2) members in good standing..."

Discussed adding 'term limits for officers' to the Bylaws. Members present agreed the current process works for the HCCSAAA and at this time, there is no need for term limits because current Bylaws adequately address officer's duties and terms in Article IV, Section 2.

The proposed Bylaws will be shared in a Google Doc to afford members the ability to comment prior to the July meeting. Following any further discussion, **a vote on revisions to the Bylaws will be taken at the July meeting.**

Academy Graduation, July 1, 2021: Members are requested to be in attendance for this event to meet the graduates of the current Citizens Academy and try to encourage membership in the Alumni Association. HCCSAAA will provide dinner (sandwich, fruit, and cheese trays from H-E-B as well as a cake). There are 17 in the current academy class, but we will plan food for 50 as the graduates each have a "+1" and the instructors will also be in attendance as well as the Sheriff; headcount provided by Academy. Cathy will post times and volunteer requests on website and Sign-up Genius.

Cheeseburger Fundraiser Update: Ruth & Jack presented an update on the Cheeseburger Fundraisers; they spent two days handing out 100 flyers to various businesses around the PSB in San Marcos and that generated pre-orders from 10 businesses accounting for 142 orders of the 300 total cheeseburgers sold. In hindsight, could have had more pre-orders if we had done more individual follow-up to get commitments from the businesses. Next year our goal is 500 cheeseburgers for San Marcos.

Ruth & Jack handed out 70 flyers in Wimberley which resulted in pre-orders from 19 businesses accounting for 163 cheeseburgers. Total cheeseburgers sold that day were 240. One business, (ADS), ordered 10 cheeseburgers and also gave us a \$500 donation. We found that when we dropped off the flyer to the business and they said they wanted to participate, we would ask "When should we call you back/come back by to get your order?" We believe this follow-up improved the number of pre-orders over San Marcos. Next year goal for Wimberley would be 400; but suggest we do earlier in the month as Wimberley ISD is the largest employer and this year the event was held the last week of school. (Unfortunately, due to a date change because of weather.) Total profit from both cheeseburgers was \$4,561.35.

Marketing & Fundraising Committee Proposed Fundraisers: Ruth presented the possibility of holding a fundraising dinner in March of 2022. Huge undertaking as need to locate venue, caterer/bartender, incorporate a silent/live auction and some sort of entertainment as a draw. Discussed a murder mystery dinner, but members afraid a little too ambitious for us, especially based on the small number of alumni who currently volunteer for fundraisers. Steve suggested maybe contacting Texas State or UT's drama department to put on the murder mystery, which has great possibilities. He also said maybe instead of a sit-down dinner it would be more like tapas. Mary suggested just a dessert theater as opposed to a meal. There is interest in pursuing some sort of large event like this, but definitely not until 2022. The Marketing & Fundraising Committee will continue research and provide updates as more information is available.

The Executive Board proposed holding a spaghetti luncheon at the Government Center on Thursday, October 14th, since court will be in session then which should give us good traffic. Cathy, Ruth, and Jack would not be able to be involved on October 14th due to prior commitments. Will need to determine if other members want to go ahead and pull this off or maybe delay till early 2022. The Committee will continue with discussions and provide updates.

Jack proposed a gun raffle for September since that is the start of hunting season. We would raffle off a shotgun and a rifle but need to start selling tickets in July to make this a success. The number of tickets will be limited; several numbers were considered, and it was agreed that somewhere between 500-700 would be a good target number since this is our first attempt at a gun raffle and we want to see how it is received before we consider more than that. Also, the idea is that people may be more willing to purchase tickets if their chances are good. Cost of 1 ticket for \$20, 2 tickets for \$35 and 6 tickets for \$100. Get the word out on our website and social media to sell. Was suggested we set up table in front of retail businesses to sell tickets. Members present agreed to proceed with this fundraiser. Updates will be provided, and volunteers will be needed.

New Business: Jason Muhs and Heather Muhs have resigned from the Executive Board effective with the election of their replacements. Nominations for the Vice President and Secretary vacancies will be accepted up to the next scheduled general meeting, **July 20, 2021**, at which time an election will be held to select a replacement for these vacancies to complete the unexpired terms.

Mike Sickmiller printed up 150 navy neck gaiters with the Hays County Sheriffs logo on them. He suggested Alumni could sell these for fundraising at a future event; or another option is to donate them to the Sheriff's Department. He also passed out gaiters to each member present.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.