

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting January 19, 2022 Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, Rick Brennes, Mary Capps, Thea Dake, Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Bert Estrada, Cathy Gieselman, Andy Hentschke, Dawn Manger, Steve Meyer, Hans Reiche, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Janice Snitkin, Dick Snitkin, Tammy Walden, Diana Wilson, and Bruce Harlan.

Call to Order - at 6:32 pm by Cathy Gieselman

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Bruce Harlan introduced Judge Benjamin Moore, Magistration and Bail Process.

Approve Minutes - Bert Estrada made a motion to approve the minutes from November with a second from Jack Diamond. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report (November/December) - Gary Anderson stated that as of December 31, 2021, our account balance was 16,093.85, plus \$260.00 in petty cash for a grand total of \$16,353.85. There has been a change since then of -\$5,750.96 (\$4,984.80 of which is the deposit for the trophy case).

Membership Report - Gary Anderson stated that as of tonight we have 18 paid members and one honorary member to start off the 2022 year.

Marketing & Fundraising Report - Jack Diamond stated our fundraising efforts for 2021 brought in \$17,321 (including donations). The goal for 2022 is \$10,000 to \$20,000. The following ideas have received Executive Board approval:

- Instead of a cheeseburger fundraiser in San Marcos, we might want to explore doing a Cinco de Mayo/ Mexican day around May 5th at the Government Center. Will need to research cost of prepared food and if too expensive, we could consider other options such as pasta/spaghetti or could stick with our tried-and-true cheeseburgers. Consider doing deliveries to businesses in the nearby area also hold a 50/50 raffle. If we want to do the cheeseburgers in Wimberley, Cypress Creek Church has offered their facility again and the VFW is also available to us. The big benefit of the VFW is they have a kitchen and drive-up window; there were concerns shared that it may be a bit remote. End of school year will be taken into consideration for planning purposes as many of the orders last year were from the Wimberley school district.
- In the summertime, hold a Bingo night at the Wimberley VFW. The facility holds 200, typical turnout for their weekly Friday night bingo is about 100-120; since they already have a regular Friday night Bingo, we may need to choose a different night for our event. They will supply us the cards and caller (cost of \$300) and we can sell the cards and ink daubers. We will also have access to their concession area with the ability to sell snacks and drinks purchased by the HCCSAAA.
- Family Fun Run/Walk around the Government Center. Charge an entry fee, sell food, and possibly T-shirts. Request HCSO departments to exhibit (i.e., SWAT, K9, etc.). Thea Dake will provide contact information for a group that would make our run 'official' for those needing to qualify for other runs.
- Fall event - Murder Mystery Dinner possibly at Old Glory Ranch in Wimberley. Jack and Ruth Diamond, and Tammy Walden will meet with Old Glory to investigate possibilities there.

An additional option was suggested to host a golf tournament which would be open to the public. Gary Anderson suggested we contact Plum Creek Golf Course as a possible location as the Scramble for Kids Tournament is already hosted annually at Woodcreek Golf Club and Plum Creek may be receptive to an event at their location.

HCSO T-Shirt Fundraiser – Sheriff Cutler shared an idea with Cathy Gieselman about the possibility of selling HCSO T-Shirts as he believed it would be a good fundraising opportunity; the profits could be shared equally between the HCSO and the HCCSAAA. The first 100 shirts were donated; therefore, there were no outlay costs associated with purchase and full profit would be split 50/50 between the HCSO (for flower fund/ ceremonial fund) and the HCCSAAA. The first 100 shirts sold out the first week. Additional shirts are available for purchase @ \$20 each or two for \$35; last day to place order/pay is February 4, 2022.

Discussion About Approvals for Funding – Jack Diamond discussed considering setting a limit on the Executive Board’s approval amount without consulting with members first. He proposed reviewing the Bylaws to possibly revise to include a specific set amount the Executive Board could approve without members weighing in first. Steve Meyer reminded members that any revisions to the Bylaws require adequate notification for member’s review. Notification will be provided to members prior to the February meeting to allow time for review as was done last year when the Bylaws were revised in July 2021.

Boosting Morale/Peer Support (HCSO) - The Christmas gift bags we provided to all HCSO employees (400 bags) were very well received. Cathy Gieselman passed around many appreciative notes of thanks from various departments as well as from Sheriff Cutler.

Trophy Case Update - We received final drawings for the trophy case which is currently in production. A 50% deposit was provided for our vendor to purchase materials. Anticipated delivery is March/April timeframe. Once complete, we will schedule a presentation ceremony, more information to come as the project develops.

Election of Officers:

Steve Meyer nominated Cathy Gieselman as President. There were no other nominations for President.
Cathy Gieselman was elected as President for 2022 by acclamation.

Gary Anderson nominated Steve Meyer as Vice President. There were no other nominations for Vice President.
Steve Meyer was elected as Vice President for 2022 by acclamation.

Janice Snitkin nominated Gary Anderson as Treasurer. There were no other nominations for Treasurer.
Gary Anderson was elected as Treasurer for 2022 by acclamation.

Bert Estrada nominated Ruth Diamond as Secretary. There were no other nominations for Secretary.
Ruth Diamond was elected as Secretary for 2022 by acclamation.

New Business:

** Note: there was an agenda item to discuss the Alumni Directory; however, this discussion item was inadvertently missed therefore was not discussed.*

Cathy Gieselman passed around an Alumni Association Challenge Coin that was unveiled and provided as a gift to those who were able to attend the Holiday Social; no HCCSAAA funds were used to purchase the first round of 150 coins. The Challenge Coin is something that is provided to guest speakers to thank them for presenting. If the design of the holiday social challenge coin is something the Alumni would like to continue in the future, the design set-up fee has already been paid and additional coins may be ordered as desired through the coin vendor. In the meantime, anyone interested in purchasing a coin through the HCCSAAA, cost is \$10 per coin which for the first round is pure profit to the HCCSAAA.

Jeffrey Jordan has requested volunteers to participate in court training session scenario on February 15th and 16th from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Sign-up with additional information will be forthcoming.

Hays County Crime Stoppers is looking for additional board members and/or associate members. If interested, please contact Jeffrey Jordan.

COTPMCO (Motor Shoot Out) at Cabela’s is looking for volunteers to help with the event. The Alumni will assist with serving lunch on March 3rd; further information will be provided as the date approaches. They are also selling raffle tickets and are behind in the number of tickets sold compared to previous years. Information is posted on our website as well as on our Facebook page.

Gary Anderson shared that Sunshine Kids will be visiting the first week of June this year; Lt. Dennis Gutierrez will be our guest speaker at the February meeting to provide additional information about Sunshine Kids.

Adjourn – Andy Hentschke made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 at the PSB