

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting May 18, 2022 Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, Rick Brennes, Mary Capps, Thea Dake, Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Mary Earls, Bert Estrada, Cathy Gieselman, Andy Hentschke, Wayne Kendrick, Ron Kondoff, Howard Lott, Dawn Manger, Steve Meyer, Hans Reiche, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Janice Snitkin, Dick Snitkin, Jack Tatum, Mary Jane Tatum, and Bruce Harlan

Call to Order - at 6:33 pm by Cathy Gieselman

In honor of National Police Officers Week, a moment of remembrance was taken to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty in Hays County. Cathy read each of the nine names of those lost as a promise that they would always be remembered and never forgotten.

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Cathy Gieselman introduced Bruce Harlan, HCSO Deputy, who spoke about Personal Security/Awareness.

Approve Minutes - Bert Estrada made a motion to approve the minutes from April with a second from Mary Earls. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report (April) - Gary Anderson stated that as of April 30, 2022, our account balance was \$15,575.21 plus \$240.00 in petty cash for a grand total of \$15,815.21. Through the two cheeseburger fundraisers, we now have over \$9,000 earmarked for use by The Sunshine Kids in June. Additional \$100 sponsorships received will be added to this total. The Board approved up to \$1,000 for the purchase of hot dogs for the Dripping Springs kids event this Saturday, May 21st. This event is just like the one held in Kyle last October that the Alumni donated food purchase, which was under \$1,000.

Membership Report - Ruth Diamond stated that as of tonight we have 32 paid members and one honorary member.

Events - Cathy Gieselman discussed the following:

- The Alumni purchased a 36" Blackstone Grill from the Buda Walmart. The grill we were going to purchase was unavailable; but there was a higher-grade grill that was available for a much higher price. Buda Walmart graciously donated \$300 toward the purchase of this \$597.00 grill. Many thanks to their contribution to enable us to have the opportunity to purchase a professional grade grill for Community Outreach; the grill was broken in at the Wimberley cheeseburger event and worked great.
- Cathy met with Sheriff Cutler to propose a possible project as a fundraiser for the HCCSAAA, a book on the history of the HCSO. Sheriff Cutler is fully supportive of the project. Cathy has begun compiling information for the book and will be scheduling interviews which will be recorded so clips can be used for promotion. This project will require extensive research; therefore, any input from Alumni will be appreciated. Please get with Cathy if you are interested in helping with this project; targeting to release by Christmas.
- The Sunshine Kids will be here from June 6th to June 12th. This year all 24 Kids and 6 nurses will be coming from around the state of Texas due to the ever-changing requirements/regulations of the Covid pandemic being different between the various states. There will be three days that Alumni members can get involved: the BBQ at Rio Vista Park, Bingo & Pizza Night at the hotel, and the last night at a Mexican dinner which may be at the community center in San Marcos. Schedule is tentative; more details and sign-ups will be forthcoming.

Marketing & Fundraising Report - Jack Diamond thanked the Alumni for all their efforts at both the San Marcos and Wimberley Cheeseburger fundraisers this year.

- We pre-sold 261 plates in San Marcos and then sold all the remaining 139 meals through walk-up traffic at the Government Center for a total of 400 plates sold in San Marcos; we actually ran out of burgers by 12:30. We pre-sold 277 plates in Wimberley but had very little walk-up traffic (possibly 10-12) and had over 100 burgers left which we donated to the Wimberley EMS and Fire Departments. Although we did not sell all 400 burgers in Wimberley, we did have \$1,589 in donations. Thanks to all for helping to make these fundraisers a success for The Sunshine Kids.
- The original plan to hold a bingo night open to the public at the Wimberley VFW on June 23rd has been cancelled. We were notified by the VFW that both they and us were required to get special licenses since the VFW Hall is a licensed bingo hall regulated by the state. The cost to do this was nixed by both the VFW and HCCSAAA. Jack is working on some ideas for a replacement fundraiser to be held in the fall and once he has more information he will present to the Executive Board for approval before presenting to all members.
- Once again Jack asked for volunteers to join the Marketing & Fundraising Committee; it is difficult to continue with the amount of work to pull off these fundraisers without more members engaging. Currently there are only 4 members; 3 of which are active, Jack, Ruth, and Rick Brennes. Having additional, active committee members would not only help out on 'game day' but also in the planning and organization that is required to take place prior to the actual day of the event. A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure these events go smoothly, additional help would be extremely helpful and appreciated.

Adjourn – Gary Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting will be held the fourth Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 pm at the PSB due to most of the Executive Board attending the TCPAAA Convention in Lake Conroe the week of June 12th - 15th.