

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting February 13, 2024 Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, Fred Bright, James Bryant Jr., Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Mike Dillon, Liz Dobbins, Bert Estrada, Aracely Helle, Dan Helle, Andy Hentschke, Pat Hiam, Christine Hofer, Dawn Manger, Jane O'Rourke, Derek Parker, MaryAnn Parker, Greg Roach, Ric Seale, Mike Sickmiller, Gary Tatem, Rhonda White, Don William.

Call to Order: 6:34 pm by Ruth Diamond.

Birthdays: Gary Anderson on 2/6 and Dick Snitkin on 2/15.

Introduction of Lt. Clint Pulpan: Ruth Diamond introduced Lt. Pulpan, the Community Outreach replacement for retired Lt. Dennis Gutierrez. Lt. Pulpan has been with the HCSO for 17 years. His responsibilities include the Community Outreach Unit, extra job coordinator, Animal Control and QuarterMaster.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Lt. Pulpan introduced Sgt. Steve Lucio, SWAT, and Lt. Matt Wasko, SWAT Commander. They demonstrated the Core Tactical Kit which they are hoping to purchase to assist in hostage rescues. This is a camera system that will allow SWAT to see inside a building under a doorway, around a corner, and also has thermal detection.

Approve January Minutes: James Bryant, Jr. made a motion to accept the January 2024 minutes as written with a second by Derek Parker. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Anderson presented the January 2024 Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2024 there was \$50,539.83 in our account which breaks down to \$50,335.81 in the bank and \$204.02 in petty cash. Of this, \$14,000 is Brown Santa (which were generous donations we will hold till 2024 season), \$3,274.29 is earmarked for The Sunshine Kids, leaving \$33,061.52 for Alumni expenditures.

Membership Report: Gary Anderson stated there are 48 paid members and 1 honorary member for the 2024 year.

Marketing & Fundraising: Jack Diamond introduced two new members of his committee - Ric Seale and Don William.

The Wimberley Cheeseburger Fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th to be held at St. Mary Catholic Church again. We will be delivering meals to about 25 - 30 local businesses and hope to have improved walk-up traffic as the church will promote to their parishioners two weeks before the event. Jack passed around a sign up sheet looking for 18 - 20 volunteers for this event, with most of them being drivers due to the large number of deliveries. All funds raised will be for The Sunshine Kids.

The Government Center Cheeseburger Fundraiser will be Monday, April 29th. We will be contacting the car dealerships first to see how many orders we get and may contact other businesses if needed. Last year we had 195 orders just from two dealerships.

New Business:

Funding Core Tactical Kit for SWAT: SWAT has received a grant in the amount of \$30,891.90 for this Kit. The lowest quote received for this bid was \$35,170.00. This left an outstanding balance of \$4,278.10 which they have requested us to consider funding. After much discussion, Derek Parker made a motion to fund this amount, with a second from Dan Helle. A vote was taken of the members present. Motion carried.

NOTE: The Executive Board as well as the members agree we need to create a Funding Request form for future monetary requests.

CONX not needed: Gary Anderson was able to acquire free space in the old Training Facility that is located behind the jail on Uhland Road. We will need to add some shelving and other renovation but total cost for any of this would be a maximum of \$3,000. Today (2/13/2024) everything that we were housing in two monthly storage units was moved into this new space. The materials moved are all related to Brown Santa, The Sunshine Kids or Community Outreach. Effective today, we no longer have a monthly storage cost.

Drunk Goggles: Instead of paying \$650 for the Drunk Goggles requested by Sgt. Jeff Jordan, we were able to secure direct from the manufacturer for \$576.45 and received 7 sets of goggles versus 6 sets of goggles.

\$1,500 Scholarship: Roll out to all HCSO employees via email (done by Lt. Pulpan) by the end of February with all applications due by Friday, March 29th. Applications will go to Gary Anderson who will redact all names, addresses, etc. before releasing to committee for review. Will need 3-5 volunteers to be on the committee with final decision by April 19th. Derek Parker made a motion to offer the \$1,500 scholarship again this year, with a second from Liz Dobbins. Vote taken of members present. Motion carried.

PSB Alumni Badge Policy: There is a need to increase security within the PSB, so unless you are actually working in the building, no Alumni badge will be given for just "dropping by". Recommend calling in advance to determine if person you need to see will be available to come and get you in the lobby.

HCCSAAA TriFold: We are running low on the quantity and need to update dues pricing and photos. Plan to redo this year (probably by mid-year) so if you have any good Alumni photos you can share, please send to Ruth Diamond.

Kynlee White, The Sunshine Kids: Ruth sent a sympathy card to the family of Kynlee White who many of us met in June of 2022. It was signed: "Kynlee won all our hearts when she took part in the Texas Hill Country Adventure in June 2022. The Hays County Citizens Sheriff's Academy Alumni Association".

TCPAAA 2024 State Convention: The convention this year is June 23-26 at South Shore Harbor Resort & Conference Center. Cost for registration is \$125 which includes all classes, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and awards banquet, plus \$10 membership in the Texas State CPAA. Hotel rate is \$99.00 per night plus tax - no resort or parking fees. Sessions last year included murder cases, police officer trials, current drug trends, bus hijackings, prison escapes, road rage, alumni workshops, human trafficking, extortion, to name a few. Convention is open to all current paid members. Ruth & Jack Diamond, and Gary Anderson

going, plus we are sending Alyssa Marley with funds from the Alumni budget for her to meet with other Alumni liaisons. It's a great learning experience for all who attend.

Ongoing Volunteer Activities: as PSB Greeters, HCSO Inventory, Community Outreach Secretary. Hopefully Lt. Pulpan reaching out to our officer training deputy to utilize us in some exercises this year.

Meeting Snack Sign-up: Janice Snitkin has a sign up sheet to volunteer to bring refreshments to the monthly meetings. Ruth passed around and all months now covered except for January 2025 - we can deal with that later this year. If you wish to be repaid for the refreshments you bring, you must give a receipt to Gary Anderson.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

The next meeting will be at the PSB on March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm.