

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting February 21, 2023 Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, James Bryant Jr., Mary Capps, Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Mary Earls, Bert Estrada, Andy Hentschke, Delta Kirchner, Goldie Kruger, Steve Meyer, Jane O'Rourke, Janice Snitkin, Dick Snitkin, Dax Verleye, and HCSO liaison Deputy Anthony Hipolito

Call to Order: 6:35pm by Ruth Diamond

Introduction of Special Guest: Ruth Diamond introduced Sheriff Gary Cutler who thanked the Alumni for all that they have accomplished over these past two years. He stated that there are much larger alumni organizations throughout Texas that do not have half the energy and dedication that this organization has.

Ruth Diamond introduced Deputy Anthony Hipolito as our new Sheriff's Office Liaison going forward.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Deputy Anthony Hipolito introduced Hector Gomez, office of Court Administration, Hays County Government Center

Approve Minutes: Bert Estrada made a motion to accept the January minutes as written with a second by Gary Anderson. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, 2022, our total bank and petty cash balance was \$25,913.23; that breaks down to \$25,685.23 plus \$228 in petty cash.

Membership Report: Gary Anderson stated there are 32 paid members and 1 honorary member for the 2023 year.

Marketing & Fundraising Report: Jack Diamond said our fundraising goal for 2023 was \$25,000 - \$28,000 with an expectation to exceed \$30,000. He presented the first two events which are:

- **Friday, 04/21/23** a cheeseburger plate event to be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wimberley.
- **Thursday, 05/18/23** another cheeseburger plate event will be held at the Government Center.

Planning for Upcoming Events: Ruth Diamond suggested marking your calendar for some key events that will require volunteers:

- Motor Chute Out, Thursday 03/02/2023 - Janice Snitkin and Goldie Kruger volunteered to help Ruth Diamond dice tomatoes March 1st at 9:00 in the PSB Breakroom. We are still in need of a few more volunteers to help with the taco/nacho lunch at this event in Buda, in the parking lot behind Cabela's. SignUp Genius will be sent out again to try and round up 3 or 4 more volunteers. NOTE: this is the last year this event is being held.
- Rodriguez Elementary School Tour of PSB, Wednesday, 03/08/2023 - We are looking for 9 volunteers to act as escorts to help guide groups through the PSB from 8:30am to 12:30pm. We also need 4 volunteers to box lunches from 10:30 - 1:00. SignUp Genius will be sent out in the next few days so be on the lookout if you are willing to help. The Alumni has been asked to fund the lunch consisting of hot dogs, chips, cupcakes and waters. Board approval was given not to exceed \$500.
- Sheriff Cutlers' Scramble for Kids Golf Tournament, Friday, May 5th - The funds raised from this annual tournament go towards scholarships for Hays County high school seniors. Volunteers will be needed and sign-ups will be sent out once more details have been received.

- The Sunshine Kids will be here the week of June 4 - 11 for the annual Hill Country Adventure. There will be opportunities to volunteer and meet these amazing kids while they are here.
- HCSO 175th Anniversary Celebration will be on Saturday, August 5th. More information will be available as plans are finalized for this. The Alumni has committed to fund 50% of the cost of an Honor Chair to be placed in the PSB Lobby, with CLEAT funding the remaining 50%. The Alumni is also looking into having a museum case built to display some HCSO historical artifacts.

New Business:

Ruth Diamond announced that starting this year, the HCCSAAA will be offering a \$1,500 post secondary school scholarship to a high school senior of an HCSO employee. (See attached for further explanation.) This was presented to all members in attendance and Janice Snitkin made the motion to approve the \$1,500 with a second from Goldie Kruger. A vote was taken and approved by all members present. Ruth then asked for an even number of members to volunteer for the review and selection committee. Dick Snitkin, Janice Snitkin, Mary Earls, Goldie Kruger, Mary Capps and James Bryant Jr. all volunteered.

A Social Committee is being formed to assist with the snacks or food at our monthly scheduled meetings, plan our annual holiday social, help with the Citizen's Academy Graduation Party, and any other possible off-campus gatherings during the year. Janice Snitkin, Mary Capps, Mary Earls, and Goldie Kruger have volunteered for this committee, with further direction to come from Ruth Diamond.

In trying to get our name and mission out to the Hays County community, we are looking into entering a float in local parades. Possible events might be: Dripping Springs Founders Day (04/28/2023), Wimberley's 4th of July Parade, and San Marcos Mermaid Parade (09/23/2023). We would need to find a trailer of at least 20 feet in length and a pickup truck to pull the trailer. Andy Hentschke said a number of years ago the HCCSAAA had a float in a local parade. At that time, Chuck Nash donated the truck, Big Tex donated the trailer, hay bales came from Tractor Supply and Andy had HCCSAAA banners. Ruth will contact Andy to discuss this past experience and see if the banners are still usable.

Ruth has received comments from some members that have conflicting meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, forcing them to choose to alternate between attending. She asked if the second Tuesday of the month might be an option. Before presenting this to the members, Ruth has confirmed with Anthony Hipolito that he is available either the second or the third Tuesday. It was decided a survey would be sent out to the HCCSAAA mailing list to determine which Tuesday would be preferred by all members. Until further notice the meetings will continue on the third Tuesday.

Ruth asked the members if they had any suggestions for the topics or organizations they might like to hear for future speakers at our meetings and if so to please email or call with those suggestions.

Ruth Diamond handed each member one 3 1/2" maroon and white HCCSAAA decal that most will probably adhere to a car window as another way to get the HCCSAAA name out to the community. These are being distributed to members when your 2023 dues are paid. Additional decals may be purchased for \$3.

Adjourn: Gary Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Our next meeting will be held at the PSB on Tuesday, March 21st @ 6:30 pm.