

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting September 12, 2023 Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, James Bryant, Jr., Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Mary Capps, Mary Earls, Bert Estrada, Thaddeus Foster, Andy Hentschke, Aracely Helle, Daniel Helle, Goldie Kruger, Steve Meyer, Jane O'Rourke, Derek Parker, MaryAnn Parker, Gregory Roach, Janice Snitkin, Richard Snitkin, Don William, HSCO Liaison Deputy Alyssa Marley

Call to Order: 6:31pm by Ruth Diamond.

Birthdays: Ruth acknowledged September birthdays: Greg Roach 9/8, James Bryant 9/11, Sam Espinoza 9/14 and Cathy Gieselman 9/26.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Guest speaker, Peggy Hipolito with Realty One Group, wife of Anthony Hipolito. Peggy presented an insightful and heartfelt view into being part of a law enforcement family.

Approve August Minutes: Bert Estrada made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Thaddeus Foster - Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Anderson presented the August Treasurer's Report. As of August 31, 2023, our total bank and petty cash balance was \$31,312.88; that breaks down to \$31,092.88 plus \$220 in petty cash.

Membership Report: Gary Anderson stated there are 50 paid members and 1 honorary member, Stephen Traeger, for the 2023 year.

Marketing & Fundraising Report: Jack Diamond spoke of the passing of HCCSAAA member Mike Wilmore the end of July. Mike was a very active member of the alumni and volunteered throughout the years.

- Million Dollar Raffle - Jack Diamond reported as of today, 479 tickets have been sold. There are still more ticket selling events coming up. Tickets will be sold all day on September 23 at the Mermaid Festival in San Marcos. The last selling event is scheduled for the Salt Lick on September 30, but is tentative at this time.

New Business: Ruth Diamond discussed the following:

- CO Storage Units - We are paying \$360 a month for storage units for one of the two CO storage units. Lt. Gutierrez is looking into putting ConEx storage units behind Dick's Garage, now owned by the county. Estimated cost for one

8'x40' ConEx unit is \$9800. Lt. Gutierrez would like to pursue the purchase of two units, an 8'x40' climate controlled and an 8'x20' not climate controlled, after Brown Santa to determine how much will be requested from the alumni.

- Artificial Plants for Lobby - Discussed buying two artificial plants for the PSB lobby. Ruth Diamond will look for two plants to anchor the trophy case in the lobby.
- Academy Graduation - A new academy class began September 7. The graduation party will be on November 30 at the PSB. If graduates join the alumni on November 30 at the graduation party, they will be invited to the Christmas party and the \$20 dues will cover all of 2024, giving them one free month of dues.
- Brown Santa Dates Set - Holiday Lockup on Friday 12/1 at 11am
Gift Wrapping on Saturday 12/9 from 9am to noon
Distribution on Saturday 12/16 from 7am to noon
Additional date(s) will be added to sort gifts before wrapping. Lt. Gutierrez is still looking for a warehouse for staging Brown Santa activities.
- Deputy Recognition Awards - The Board decided not to implement an award program. The complexity of selecting awards is difficult and subjective. Other ideas to recognize all the deputies and corrections officers include supplying needed or desired items, hold a breakfast or lunch, host a picnic for HSCO and their families. It was also suggested to coordinate efforts and partner with S.O.L.E. (Supporters of Law Enforcement) on their Adopt-A-Cop program. Ruth will contact S.O.L.E and bring forth ideas at the October meeting.

Steve Meyer - Discussed that everyone who has Apple computers or iPhones needs to install the new software update immediately to provide security against Pegasus malware. Apple devices are getting hacked. He also strongly recommends switching to Brave for your browser. Steve's background is in cyber security so we appreciate his wealth of knowledge and willingness to share it.

Adjourn: Gary Anderson motioned to adjourn, Janice Snitkin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:32.

The September meeting will be at the PSB on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm.