

## **HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting January 9, 2024 Minutes**

**Attendees:** Gary Anderson, James Bryant Jr., Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Liz Dobbins, Bert Estrada, Thaddeus Foster, Aracely Helle, Dan Helle, Pat Hiam, Goldie Kruger, Steve Meyer, Derek Parker, MaryAnn Parker, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Janice Snitkin, Rhonda White, Don William, and HSCO Liaison Deputy Alyssa Marley

**Call to Order:** 6:30 pm by Ruth Diamond.

**Birthdays:** Mary Earls on January 19 and Ruth Diamond on January 26.

Ruth discussed the retirement party at the PSB for Lt. Dennis Gutierrez on Thursday December 28. The HCCSAAA presented Lt. Gutierrez with a gun case, a \$100 gift card to Cabela's, and a gift certificate to Taste on Main in Buda with funds donated by Alumni members.

The replacement for Lt. Gutierrez is Lt. Clint Pulpan who could not be in attendance tonight.

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Alyssa Marley introduced guest speakers Deputies Blaine Schafer, Stefan Haltermann and Regan Davis who patrol in Hays County. Their presentation was a question and answer period covering a wide range of topics pertaining to patrol.

**Approve August Minutes:** Burt Estrada made a motion to accept the November 2023 minutes as written with a second by Gary Anderson - Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Anderson presented the November and December Treasurer's Reports. At the end of November we had an ending balance of \$41,721.63. There was \$41,501.63 in the bank and \$220 in petty cash. At the end of December our balance was 40,983.79 with \$40,763.79 in the bank and \$220 in petty cash. We allocated up to \$8000 for turkey breasts for Brown Santa but due to very generous donations, these funds from the Alumni were not needed. The Alumni also received a \$5,000 donation that we will plan to use towards the cost of a storage facility.

**Membership Report:** Gary Anderson stated there are 34 paid members and 1 honorary member for January 2024 year.

Ruth Diamond made a motion to make Lt. Dennis Gutierrez an honorary member of the HCCSAAA, seconded by Jim Sanders. Motion carried.

**Marketing & Fundraising Recap:** Jack Diamond will continue with his position of Marketing and Fundraising Chair. We will be hosting our annual Cheeseburger Fundraisers, with the one scheduled for Wimberley on Tuesday, April 16th. The Wimberley fundraiser is challenging because we deliver to 25-30 businesses so

volunteer drivers will be needed. The second Cheeseburger Fundraiser will be in San Marcos at the Government Center in May at a date to be determined.

Jack gave a recap of fundraising over the last three years, raising over \$70,000 and netting almost \$60,000.

### **Review Since November Meeting:**

- Academy Graduation Party Thursday 11/30, 12 graduates signed up as new Alumni members at the graduation party.

- December 12 was the Christmas Party at Ivar's River Pub with 33 in attendance. It was a fun evening of camaraderie complete with a gift exchange.

- Brown Santa events took place in December, including a Lock-Up fundraiser on December 1st where the alumni paid for and served a pasta lunch. The gift wrapping event on December 9th was well attended, followed by Distribution Day on December 16th. This year Brown Santa served 525 families with over 1750 children.

### **New Business:**

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- PSB Greeters are needed from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you volunteer, the actual time is flexible but they do ask that you try to cover the 11:00 to 1:00 timeframe so the ladies that work in this office can be covered while going to lunch. Volunteers will greet people that come up to the window and need assistance, deliver mail to the various departments, and other tasks as needed. You must receive a little training before you can work as a PSB Greeter. Contact Ruth Diamond if interested.

- HCSO Inventory with Margaret Vieger, located in the front section of the jail on Uhlund Road. Margaret currently needs help with new and old inventory for the Sheriff's Office, Tuesday through Thursday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. No training is required for inventory, however you must be a current paid Alumni member to volunteer in HCSO Inventory or as a PSB Greeter. Sign up to volunteer through Sign-Up Genius.

**Drunk Goggles:** Sgt. Jeff Jordan approached the Alumni about purchasing Drunk Goggles for \$650 to use in the Citizens Academies, Junior Deputy and Teen Deputy Academies. These goggles could also be used at community events. James Bryant made a motion to purchase the Drunk Goggles. Jack Diamond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Alumni Shirts:** We need a minimum of 12 shirts to place an order. Dri-Fit Polo Shirts are \$26. Fishing Shirts are available in short sleeve for \$46 and long sleeve for \$2 more. All shirts are available in grey, burgundy and blue. Only a few of our old style maroon polo shirts are available, mostly in large sizes.

**Elections:** Annual elections are required for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

- Gary Anderson nominated Ruth Diamond for President. No other nominations were presented for President therefore Ruth Diamond was confirmed as President.

- Janice Snitkin nominated Steve Meyer for Vice-President. No other nominations were presented for Vice-President therefore Steve Meyer was confirmed as Vice-President.

- Jack Diamond nominated Cecile Sanders for Secretary. No other nominations were presented for Secretary therefore Cecile Sanders was confirmed as Secretary.

- Thaddeus Foster nominated Gary Anderson for Treasurer. No other nominations were presented for Treasurer therefore Gary Anderson was confirmed as Treasurer.

**Announcements:**

- Janice Snitkin has a sign up sheet to volunteer to bring refreshments to the monthly meetings. If you wish to be repaid for the refreshments you bring, you must give a receipt to Gary Anderson.

- The Sunshine Kids are scheduled for June 2 - June 9, 2024

- The Kyle PD Citizens Academy is holding a Gala on January 13. The gala will be a casino night for families during the day and then adults only in the evening. More information can be found on the Kyle PD website.

- The web hosting platform that HCCSAAA uses to send out email is IONOS. Recently, Google made a change affecting [gmail.com](https://www.gmail.com) accounts, that will not allow email from IONOS to be delivered. Ruth will send out a step by step guide to all those with a [gmail.com](https://www.gmail.com) account as to how to override this current glitch and strongly recommends members follow the simple steps to enable you to receive emails from IONOS.

**Adjourn:** Andy Hentschke motioned to adjourn at 8:33.

**The next meeting will be at the PSB on February 13, 2024 at 6:30pm.**