

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, James Bryant, Jr., Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Liz Dobbins, Bert Estrada, Aracely Helle, Dan Helle, Pat Hiam, Christine Hofer, Goldie Kruger, Dawn Manger, Steve Meyer, Jane O'Rourke, Derek Parker, MaryAnn Parker, Greg Roach, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Ric Seale, Janice Snitkin, Dick Snitkin, Gary Tatem, Kelli Whigham, Rhonda White, and Don William, plus HCSO Liaison, Alyssa Marley

Call to Order: Ruth Diamond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. Meredith Davenport and Melody Benteler from Dripping Springs presented a "Be Smart" program, which provides educational tips to keep children in our community safe around firearms. The presentation was very informative and there were lots of questions of the presenters.

Birthdays: Cecile Sanders (April 5), Rhonda White and Dawn Manger (April 9), Thaddeus Foster (April 17).

Approve March Minutes: James Bryant moved to accept the minutes of the March meeting as distributed via email and Kelli Whigham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In March, there were \$505.80 in expenses and an income of \$160.00. As of March 31, 2024 there is \$45,242.66 in our account, which breaks down to \$44,888.64 in the bank, \$204.02 in petty cash and \$150.00 in HEB gift cards. We have \$13,500.38 designated for Brown Santa and \$3,134.29 for Sunshine Kids.

Membership Report: There are 54 paid members.

Marketing and Fundraising: Jack Diamond presented details on the two upcoming cheeseburger fundraisers:

- Tuesday, April 16 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wimberley. Jack, Ruth, Ric, and Don will be calling on 30 different Wimberley businesses on 4/3 to try and get delivery orders. Jack confirmed all those that volunteered to work would still be available. **Those who are kitchen help need to arrive at 9:00 am for a short orientation meeting. You are reminded to wear comfortable shoes and suggest wearing Alumni badge and shirt if desired. Those who are drivers need to arrive at 9:30 for their short orientation meeting and please wear your Alumni badge. Alumni shirt may be worn too but not necessary.**

- Monday, April 29 at the Government Center. Jack and Ruth are calling on the car dealerships and a few other businesses for delivery orders. San Marcos Toyota has already placed an order for 120 plates. Sign up sheet for workers needed at the Government Center was passed around for volunteers and all slots were filled.

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- **New Business:**

- The front door of the PSB can no longer be propped open during our monthly meetings. The front door automatically locks at 6 pm. Someone should be in the lobby until the meeting starts at 6:30. Late comers should call Ruth at (404) 626-5390 or Jack at (404) 625-8261 to send someone to open the door.
- Two scholarship applications have been received and Gary Anderson will be redacting all personal information before sending to Ruth, who will then send out to committee members. These are to be evaluated and ranked by an ad hoc committee made up of James Bryant, Dawn Manger, Christine Hofer, Liz Dobbins, and Shelbi Hentschke. There was some discussion about giving more than one scholarship, however it was decided we could not do that for 2024 but we might consider offering two for 2025. This will be a topic to discuss at the end of this year or in January of 2025.
- The Sheriff's Scramble FORE Kids Golf Tournament will be held at Kissing Tree on May 10. Since Kissing Tree is providing food services this year, much fewer volunteers will be needed. Volunteers may be needed over two shifts - an early shift to help set up the raffle/auction items and serve breakfast tacos, plus a little later shift to help serve snacks at the turn and distribute the raffle/auction prizes. A meeting to finalize volunteer positions is to happen in the next week or so and after that a SignUp Genius will be sent out.
- Sunshine Kids will be here starting June 3 through June 9 and will be staying at the Embassy Suites Conference Center this year. Coincidentally, the Texas Chief Deputy Association will hold their conference at Embassy Suites during the same week, and they have invited the SSK to sit in the front row for the Neal McCoy concert they will be having on Thursday evening, June 6. Because of this, the Bingo night that the HCCSAAA hosts has been moved to Tuesday, June 4. The HCSO BBQ at Rio Vista Park will still be on Wednesday, June 5 and the farewell party will be Saturday evening, June 8. Once we receive the number of volunteers needed for these events, Sign-up Genius volunteer opportunities will be emailed to all current 54 members that have SignUp Genius accounts.

- Alumnus social will be Tuesday, June 11, in lieu of our monthly meeting. The event location will be announced at our May meeting.
- Academy graduation will be May 9. HEB sandwich trays will be served as a light dinner for all in attendance. SignUp Genius will be sent looking for a few volunteers to help set up the PSB Lobby for the ceremony as well as the buffet table to arrive at 5:00, and another group to arrive at 6:00 for the actual ceremony. All SignUp Genius volunteers will be fed and we want you to meet the graduates and tell them all the reasons they want to become an Alumni member.
- Additional volunteers are needed for PSB Greeters and for HCSO Inventory. April Sign-up Genius emails for these positions have been sent. To be a PSB Greeter, volunteers MUST be trained by Ruth (send an email to Ruth for training). Any current member can help with the HCSO Inventory – no training needed.
- Membership Directory is currently on the HCCSAAA website where previous members have elected to share their contact information. It was determined that current members do not feel the need to keep this on the website, so our webmaster, Steve Meyer will remove this from the site
- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Ruth Diamond.

The next meeting will be at the PSB on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30pm. This meeting has a scheduled speaker you will not want to miss.