

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 Minutes

Attendees: Amber Allen, Gary Anderson, Travis Cox, Ruth Diamond, Mike Dillon, Pat Hiam, Christine Hofer, Goldie Kruger, Susanne LeClair, Maureen Mele, Steve Meyer, Grace Reynolds, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Ric Seale, Gary Tatem, Don William, and Deputy Alyssa Marley, HCSO Liaison.

Call to Order: Ruth Diamond called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Deputy Alyssa Marley introduced our two presenters. In conjunction with the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and Christus Santa Rosa Hospital, Rachel White, RN, and Lindsay Lancaster, RN, gave excellent presentations on Signs of Stroke and Early Signs of Heart Attack/Chest Pain. The information was timely and very well received by those in attendance. Two smart watches were given as door prizes to Jim Sanders and Ric Seale.

Birthdays: Aracely Helle (6/12), Jim Sanders (6/13) and Alyssa Marley (7/20)

Approval of May Minutes: Suzanne LeClair moved that the May minutes, as sent via email to all members, be approved. Ric Seale seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Anderson presented the financials for both May and June. In May, there were \$2,052.52 in expenses and an income of \$3,170.00. As of May 31, 2024 there was \$54,346.64 in our account, which broke down to \$54,132.62 in the bank, \$204.02 in petty cash and \$10.00 in HEB gift cards. In June, there were expenses of \$10,138.57 and income of \$2,050.00. The expenses were \$1,500.00 sent to Tarleton State for our scholarship winner, and \$8,638.57 for The Sunshine Kids the week they were here. As of June 30, 2024 there is \$46,258.07 in our account, which breaks down to \$46,044.05 in the bank, \$204.02 in petty cash, and \$10.00 in HEB gift cards. We have \$12,533.28 designated for Brown Santa and \$3,480.77 for Sunshine Kids.

Membership Report: There are 70 paid members.

Old Business:

- Ruth Diamond asked those who participated in the Field Sobriety Test “Wet Lab” on May 15th at the Cadet Training Facility to provide their experiences with the event. Grace Reynolds was the only participant at the event who was present at this meeting, but Susanne LeClair was a designated driver and gave her observations too.
- Our scholarship winner this year was Olivia McRee and the \$1,500 HCCSAAA scholarship check, was mailed to Tarleton State in June. Unfortunately, since she lives in Midland, she is unable to be at one of our monthly meetings before she heads off to her fall semester.
- Several volunteers with The Sunshine Kids detailed experiences with the children and events of the week of June 3 through June 9 and a video with highlights was shown. All agreed that this was one of the best groups of kids ever and a great time was had by all. A thank you note from Brittany Bridges was read.
- In lieu of our June meeting, a social and dinner was held at Ivar’s River Pub on June 11. Thirty-two members attended and the event was moved inside due to heavy rains and flooding earlier that day.
- The East Side Junior Deputy Academy was held at the Church of Christ in Buda on June 12 through June 14. Three members volunteered and Deputy Marley said their efforts were all greatly appreciated.
- The TCPAAA Conference was held in League City June 23 through June 26. Gary Anderson and Alyssa Marley attended and said the conference was a great success, with 376 attending. Next year’s conference will be held at the Hilton in Waco. It was the first time Deputy Marley has attended and she hoped more members will attend next year.

New Business:

- The West Side Junior Deputy Academy will be held at Dripping Springs High School July 16 through July 18. A SignUp Genius for volunteers will be sent out this week. Two shifts per day are offered - mornings from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm and afternoons from 12 noon to 4:15 pm. Volunteers working all day should bring a lunch, except for Friday, when pizza will be

served to all. Suzanne LeClair offered to once again make labels for water bottles that stick better.

- A new volunteer opportunity at HCSO Fleet Maintenance will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings to enter data on computer, answer the phone, and receive delivery of automotive parts. This position will require some training so 2 or 3 regular, fairly steady volunteers are being sought. Fleet Maintenance is located at 1307 Umland Road by the jail. Those interested should contact Ruth to arrange for training.
- Jack Diamond has resigned as Marketing & Fundraising Chairman and another is being sought. Grace Reynolds stated she might be interested and she will contact Ruth for further information.
- The Executive Board is in the process of drafting Policies and Procedures for the HCCSAAA to serve as an adjunct to the By Laws. Areas to be included are: Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower Policy, Records Retention and Destruction, Gift Acceptance Policy, and Fiscal Management Policy. Once this document is finalized and approved by the Board, it will be posted to the website.
- All volunteer hours should be reported to Gary Anderson. Copies of the Volunteer Hour Log Sheet was available for members.
- Alyssa Marley reported that an Advanced Citizens Academy will be held on Thursdays for 10 weeks in the fall, starting September 12 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Applications are available for those current alumni interested. This Academy will be more interactive than previous ones, including rappelling.
- Alyssa also reported that she attended a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training class in Midland. She and 3 other RAD trainers will be holding a three week Basic Physical Defense class for women on Wednesdays (August 28, September 4, and September 11) at 1307 Umland Road at the Allen Bridges Training Facility from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Registration forms were available for members who were interested in attending.
- Ruth announced that Wimberley will hold a July 4th parade starting at 10 am.
- The next HCSAAA meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cecile Sanders, HCSAAA Secretary