

HCCSAAA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Minutes

Attendees: Gary Anderson, Peggy Ball, Jack Diamond, Ruth Diamond, Mary Earls, Patricia Hiam, Kaye Hewitt, Suzanne LeClair, Maureen Mele, Jane O'Rourke, Derek Parker, Mary Ann Parker, Oscar ReRucha, Gregory Roach, Cecile Sanders, Jim Sanders, Ric Seale, Gary Tatem, Rhonda White Don William, Chris Zelazny and HCSO Liaison Deputy Alyssa Davenport.

Call to Order: Dawn Manger called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Deputy Alyssa Davenport introduced Auto Theft Detective Brian Walhert, who gave a short presentation on the most stolen cars and the reasons they are stolen. After, he asked everyone present if they wanted their car windows etched with their VIN numbers. Most of those present accepted the invitation and unlocked their cars to allow Brian's service.

Dennis Gutierrez asked to speak briefly about some additional things that could be added to our Sunshine Kids project, including sessions for parents of the kids. He would also like to start a local event for kids with cancer in the San Marcos area. He will keep us abreast of these additions as he has more information.

Approve Minutes (August) – Ruth Diamond moved that the August minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Jim Sanders and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (August) – Gary Anderson presented the financials through August 31, 2025. August expenses included \$112.05 for the Alumni Graduation party, \$833.23 for the Sunshine Kids Capital lunch, and \$1,500 for the HCSAAA scholarship. There was no income, and the final balance as of August 31, 2025, was \$31,280.46. This final balance has \$4,610.10 allocated for our Sunshine Kids activities. There was a donation of \$2,000 from the Carl C. Anderson III foundation to be used for Sunshine Kids and Brown Santa.

Membership Report - Gary reported 70 paid members. He later informed Dawn he misspoke and we actually have 48 paid members.

Old Business:

- **Fall Basic Citizens Academy** – The fall Academy is only half full and still accepting students. Members should pass this opportunity to friends and colleagues.
- **Hays County Food Bank** – Dawn Manger said the Hays Food Bank is now open and is getting much needed publicity. She encouraged members to look for opportunities to volunteer there and suggested that HCCSAAA might want to donate funds in the future.

New Business:

- **Motor Unit Donation Request** – The new motorcycle unit has submitted requests for funding several items, including an updated helmet and other miscellaneous items for the unit, along with five tint meters, in the amount of \$2,195. The discussion about this request included input that our Alumni Association does not ordinarily fund requests for items that should be included in the sheriff's annual budget request. However, this is a relatively new unit, and the annual budget request has already been submitted to the Hays County Commissioners Court. There was a motion by Rhonda White to approve this request, and it was seconded by Derek Parker. It was unanimously approved.
- **Fall Basic Citizens Academy** – Dawn announced that graduate members are invited to participate as greeters and recruiters for the Academy, two per session. She will send out a Sign Up Genius for volunteers.
- **Second Annual Battles of the Badges** -This annual softball event will be held on Saturday, October 25. Last year our Academy members manned a concession booth. There was a discussion about whether to repeat the concessions this year and what we should plan to be sold. The consensus was to sell hot dogs, nachos, chips and soft drinks. There is a possibility that we could use a "hot dog roller" rather than grilling the hot dogs. Cecile Sanders made a motion that all profits from concession sales be split as donations to the Wimberley Youth Association and the Cancer Society. Suzanne Leclair seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

- **Hays County 8th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair** - This annual event will be held on October 5 at La Verde Park in Kyle. Dawn suggested that the Academy might be able to participate next year and perhaps do some fundraising. Dawn will attend this year's event and report at the next HSCAAA meeting.
- **Additional Business** – Ruth Diamond reported that volunteers are no longer needed to be PSB greeters, so monthly sign ups will not be sent.
- There was no further business. Derek Parker moved to adjourn, and Gary Anderson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Tuesday, October 7, 2025** – National Night Out
 - **Friday, October 31, 2025** – Trunk or Treat
 - **Friday, December 5, 2025** – Brown Santa Holiday Lock-Up at the Government Center from 10:00 to 1:00
 - **Thursday, December 11, 2025** – Toy shopping from 8 to 12 noon
 - **Saturday, December 13, 2025** – Gift wrapping at the Brown Santa Warehouse from 9 to noon
 - **December 17 & 18th, 2025** – Gift wrapping and sorting from 1 pm to 8 pm
 - **Saturday, December 20, 2025** – Brown Santa delivery from 7 am to 12 noon