

GCPAA MEETING MINUTES

7/09/15

Paul Parker called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL – was made verbally

MEETING MINUTES – Lester Cox made a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared on line. The motion was seconded by Gary Miller. The motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report was made by Julie Seaman: The beginning balance for June, 2015 was \$6,938.76 with deposits totaling \$3,992.29. Checks were written in the amount of \$1145.72 leaving a balance of \$9,785.33. The Raffle for the Rifle had a deposit in April of \$360.00, in May of \$1,511.00 and one in June of \$1,791.00. The cost of the Rifle was \$678.00 giving us a total profit of \$2,984.00. The balance for the Sunshine Fund remains \$1,124.62 since there were no deposits or withdrawals for the month of June. Popcorn fund balance is \$64.00. Dee Crow made a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report as read, it was seconded by Pam Fuller. The motion was unanimous. Paul Parker explained that previously we had allotted \$1,000.00 for the T-Shirt purchase, but the total came to \$1,030.00. A motion was made by Lester Cox to raise the amount by \$30. The motion was seconded by Robin Solomon and was unanimous.

V.P. Reports:

Dee Crow – No report

Linda Mallon – Linda Mallon reminded us that tonight is our Ice Cream Social and Steve Dieterichs, Director of Marketing and Tourism will be our guest speaker. Diane Williams with Congressman Conaway's office will speak to us in August and September will be the new City Manager, Chris Coffman.

COP'S REPORT – Ken Clough said they have 4 new interviews for new COPS members. The Academy set for training new members is August 29, 2015. Ken said he put in over 17 hours over the 4th of July and Pam Fuller worked with him. It was a busy weekend.

ADOPT A COP – Pam Fuller sent 5 Birthday Cards this month.

Pam asked that we address getting donations for water for our Police Department so they always have water on hand for the Officers, not just for parades. She asked for a volunteer to go to some of the businesses. Mary Ruth Nelson and Donna Williams volunteered to do this.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Fundraising – Through the Treasurer's Report we received information on the Rifle Raffle, so Pam Fuller did not repeat this information.

Media/Publicity – Martha Pyron spoke of the 5K Run on the 4th of July and the importance of traffic control, with all the floats and traffic in that area. Paul asked that if they could, next year give us a couple of months' notice if they need us to help so he can get it on the agenda. Martha said there were several articles on Tip-A-Cop in the paper and she showed the picture of Sgt. Cris Brichetto. All of the articles came to approximately \$4,900 and this was donated by Hood County News. It was very much appreciated and Julie Seaman is sending a Thank-You card to them.

EVENTS/Parades – Jean Pilling reminded us of the Citizen's Appreciation Day on 9/12/15. Many volunteers are needed that day, and it will be at Hewlett Park from 9:00am-1:00pm. Jean explained to the new members what this was and what we do.

Operation School Supplies – 8/13/15 from 9:00am-5:00pm – again, we will need volunteers for 1 hr. time slots. This will be held at Lakeside Baptist Church. An explanation was made of this event.

Granscary put on by United Way – Oct. 23 & 24 and Oct. 30 & 31st at the Reunion Grounds – Volunteers will be needed for parking and various other duties. Jean said this is good exposure for our group and our name will go on their T-Shirts as a volunteer group.

Healthy Woman at Acton Middle School on 11/7/15. It is \$50 for a Vendor table and two free lunch tickets will be provided. Jean Pilling made a motion that we spend the \$50 for the Vendor set-up, it was seconded by Pat Andris. Motion was unanimous. Pat Andris gave a short explanation of what they do at this event and how much fun it was. Donna Williams and Robin Solomon volunteered to work at this event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Delinquent dues – a couple members showed up to work the Parade and had not paid their dues, but over-sight on their part. They paid and helped with the Parade. Paul suggested that next year we be a little more effective in contacting the members when it is time to renew.

Ladies in the Police Department were taken to lunch – Pat Andris and Martha Pyron reported that it was fun and they got to know the ladies much better. Paul Parker explained to the new members what we do and why we do it.

Photographer – Martha Pyron stressed the need for a photographer that will be at the events and has a camera to use. The cell phone photos are not clear. She suggested the organization purchase a camera for this purpose, but Pam Fuller has one that she will donate when she gets her new one and also, Sgt. Cris Brichetto has a small camera that can possibly be used. Jim Soloman and Donna Williams volunteered to be in charge of photography in the future.

Lunch on the 4th of July – The Church of Christ provided lunch for the volunteers at the parade and Paul asked for a motion to pay for the food for that lunch. Sharon Coan made a motion we give up to \$500 to cover the cost of the food, it was 2nd by Martha Pyron. The motion was unanimous.

Raffle Tickets – Julie Seaman made a plea for all unused Raffle tickets to be turned in as soon as possible.

CPAA Radios – Ken Clough made another request for new ones. The ones we are using for parades are worn out. Jean volunteered to research the cost of purchasing new ones.

CPR Training – scheduled for 8/8/15 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the American Town Hall. Please let Sgt. Brichetto know if you intend to take the course. Sgt. Brichetto asked for a head count for those who intend to take the course, 16 signed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Gifts for the Officers – this topic was discussed and several ideas were brought up, no decision was made. This will be discussed at a later date.

Review of the 4th of July Parade – Ken Clough gave a report of all the incidents that happened over the weekend. The Officers were pleased with the way things went at the Parade. It was suggested that we contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding the throwing of candy and how hard it is to keep children off the streets and safe. Also, several talked about the gaps in the Parade, which caused people to get in their cars and try to head out on the parade route. There was discussion about the barricades being moved and not at the intersections. Paul Parker said he would send a letter to the Chamber with suggestions for next year that would help the volunteers.

Lance McLean Golf Tournament – a request was made for us to sponsor teams of Officers for the tournament again this year. Lester Cox explained that the money from the tournament is no longer needed by Katie McLean. It is \$500 to sponsor a team and last year we sponsored two teams. Pat Andris made a motion we sponsor two teams for a total of \$1,000.00. Gary Miller seconded the motion and the motion was unanimous.

OFFICER'S REPORT – Sgt. Cris Brichetto said the 4th of July Parade went well. He thanked everyone that volunteered and helped. Said they couldn't do it without everyone.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Julie Seaman signed our organization up on Amazon for a percentage of items we purchase from Amazon. You must go through www.amazonsmile.com and choose our organization. Each time you will have to go through this site, not amazon.com.

Pam Fuller is having Thin Blue Lines made for the Officer's vehicles (she is donating this for them) and the members are able to purchase them for \$5.00. This is a symbol of what stands between good and bad. You put them on your personal cars. Lester Cox made a motion that we fund this Thin Blue Line project up to \$250. Jean Pilling seconded the motion, the motion was unanimous.

Website – Ken Clough said he will help anyone that is having problems with the Website or anyone that needs to sign up. See him after the meeting.

Dennis Walje has checked out Bond Arms and the possibility of us purchasing one of their Derringer's with the Texas Star on the handle for our raffle next year. They are very interested in working with us on this. The gun would be approximately \$400 - \$600. Dennis said there is a tour of the facilities that we can take. It is during the week and they need an idea of how many would be interested. He said they have 19 different calibers they produce. Dennis will find out a date for the tour and we will finalize this at our meeting next month. A book was passed around for everyone to see the guns.

SUNSHINE CLUB:

Sue Macon said we collected \$28 tonight. She explained to the new members what the Sunshine Club does and why. We had one drawing and Dennis Walje was the winner.

A motion was made by Linda Mallon to adjourn at 6:53pm. Motion was seconded by Sue Macon. Motion was unanimous. We had 22 members present. Steve Dieterichs, Director of Marketing and Tourism was our guest speaker.

Pat Andris, Secretary