

GCPAA MEETING MINUTES

08/13/15

Paul Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL – was made verbally

MEETING MINUTES – Dee Crow made a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared on line. The motion was seconded by Linda Mallon. The motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report was made by Julie Seaman: The beginning balance for July, 2015 was \$9,785.33 with deposits totaling \$103.00. Checks were written in the amount of \$415.87 leaving a balance of \$9,472.46. The beginning balance for the Sunshine Fund was \$1,124.62 with a deposit of \$28.00 and a withdrawal of \$66.00, leaving a balance of \$1,086.62. The Popcorn fund beginning balance was \$64.00 with withdrawals totaling \$52.23 leaving a balance of \$11.77. Ken Clough made a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report as read, it was seconded by Pam Fuller. The motion was unanimous.

V.P. Reports:

Dee Crow – No report

Linda Mallon – Linda Mallon reminded us that tonight our speaker is Diane Williams with Congressman Conaway's office. September will be the new City Manager, Chris Coffman and October will be a game night. November will be Election of Officers and December is our Christmas Party.

COP'S REPORT – Ken Clough reported that four people will attend the COPS Academy on August 29 for new members. They had a record # of hours in July, with a total of 179 driving hours. Ken asked for Hot Wheels or funds to purchase certain ones to help them set up scenarios' to teach in the new class. They will also need a plastic mat for the roadway. Jean Pilling priced the cars and they are \$.97 - \$.99 at Wal-Mart. Officer Jeremy Ballew said not to purchase any, he has every kind of hot wheel at his home he will donate. Don Walker found the vinyl at a printing supply and he purchased three pieces for COPS, the vinyl was \$5.00 ea.

ADOPT A COP – Pam Fuller sent 4 Birthday cards in July and 3 this month (August). She was pleased to announce that two of our class members, Donna Williams and Mary Ruth Nelson went to Home Depot and to Lowes and got a total of 14 cases of water and Wal-Mart gave us a \$50 gift certificate to use to purchase more

Committee Reports:

Finance/Fundraising – Pam Fuller reminded us that the jewelry needs to be raffled off and she has tickets that sell for \$1.00 ea. More tickets need to be sold before the drawing at the Community Appreciation Event.

Amazon Smile – Everyone was encouraged to get signed up so our group can get a percentage of all purchases. Paul Parker said it was real easy to sign up, just go to Amazon Smile and follow the prompts. Also we discussed the raffle and purchase of a Bond Arms pistol that we will raffle off. A picture of the gun was passed around for all to see. Pam Fuller said they need \$500 for the pistol. Pam said we would probably draw for the gun around Christmas so someone could have a great Christmas present. A motion was made by Lester Cox to give \$500 to purchase the pistol. The motion was seconded by Paul Parker. The motion was unanimous. Jim and Robin Soloman have offered to donate a pink handle Bond Arms pistol that they own, so we will have two that can be raffled off. They passed the gun around so we could all see it. A discussion pursued as to whether we will hold two auctions or just auction one now and hold the other one for next year. Everyone applauded the couple for being so generous to the organization.

Media/Publicity – Martha Pyron said there would be an ad in the Hood County News two weeks prior to the Community Appreciation Day. She made up flyers and gave them out to everyone that attended the Operation School Supply. Pat Andris said it is on the City's Community Calendar and will be on the weekend events that go out, too.

Events/Parades – Jean Pilling said the Operation School Supplies at Lakeside Baptist Church was a big success and everything was gone that they took to give out, in fact they ran out before it was over. She said she'd like to purchase a child's toy/game for the table for kids to play with as they go around. Since the game was under \$20, we did not have to bring it to a vote.

Operation School Supply – This is a separate idea Robin Soloman is wanting to possibly get started with our group. She met with a 9th grade teacher and was told that a mentoring program was what they needed mostly. She would like us to be more active in the schools. Robin will chair a committee with Wes Thompson, Jim Soloman and Phyllis Edans to discuss ideas.

Community Appreciation Day is 9/12 at Hewlett Park from 9-1, and Jean asked that everyone go on line and volunteer for a 2 hr. time slot. We are needing many volunteers.

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 contacted them but has had no response back yet. If we volunteer we will get our name on their T-shirts and get our name in the public more.

Healthy Woman at Acton Middle School on 11/7/15 - Our application was mailed in and we have two volunteers to pass out items.

8th Annual Acton Nature Run sponsorship, April 23, 2016 – Gary Miller has asked if we could participate in this. The cost is \$100 for bronze sponsorship, which gives us our name on the shirts and a table to pass out items and our brochures. For \$250 we get the same but can have 2 runners from the Police Department participate. Pat Andris made a motion we give \$250 for this event, a second was made by Linda Mallon. The motion was unanimous. The application needs to be turned in before December.

OLD BUSINESS:

CPAA Radios – Ken Clough has researched the radios and has found them priced up to \$187.95 for 10 ea. This is the bottom range of radios. This discussion was tabled until it can be researched further.

Christmas Gifts – Pat Andris brought an idea to the board on gift sacks for the Police with candy/gum inside with an encouraging saying attached. Julie Seaman suggested gift certificates so they can purchase ammunition. Everyone needs to help come up with more ideas. Jean Pilling reminded us the Christmas Party will be on December 10 at 6:00 at the Conference Center. Everyone needs to RSVP before then.

Bond Arms Tour – Dennis Walje reported on the great success of the tour. Bond Arms does not do tours normally, so this was a special treat they opened up to us. He spoke of the three Robotic Arms and how fascinating that was to watch. They are proud of the fact that everything they use for production is made in America. They give great discounts on pistols to our Military and 1st responders. Dennis is working with them to get us a great discount on the pistol we want to purchase for our raffle.

Lance McLean Golf Tournament – Lester Cox explained that Katie McLean does not need the money and has set up a Scholarship Fund for students in local high schools, Hamilton, Hico and Granbury. They can use some volunteers if anyone is available to help with this. The Tournament kicks off at 8:00 am on September 19th, and if you are interested in volunteering please call Captain Steve Smith with the Sheriff's Department.

Paul Parker said he got a great response from the Chamber of Commerce on the letter he sent with suggestions and comments on the 4th of July Parade this year. The President, Mike Scott called him and said they are stopping candy being thrown next year, in fact, if anyone throws candy they will not be allowed in the parade again. The gaps in the parade were basically caused by the air conditioner guy going around and blowing cold air on people to cool them down. He said every year they have a pre-parade meeting and apologizes we were never invited, but thinks it is critical that we be a part of that next year. Paul was very pleased with the response.

NEW BUSINESS:

The check will be presented to the City Council for our volunteer hours in September in the Council Chambers. Jean Pilling said we are spending \$60 a year for these checks and they are not reusable. She wants to get an erasable check that we can use dry markers on and not pay that amount every year. One has been priced for \$174. Motion was made by Julie Seaman to spend up to \$200 for the check and a second was made by Lester Cox. The motion was unanimous. Last year we had 2,485.5 volunteer hours and the check was \$58,160.70. For this year we had 2,751 volunteer hours totaling \$65,700.

Nominating Committee – Paul Parker said it is time to get together a nominating committee for election of new officers. We need 3 members on the committee. Pam Fuller and Pat Andris volunteered and Paul Parker said he would be on it if no one else stepped up, but he'd like someone else on that committee. He asked everyone to be thinking of nominees.

LIDAR Gun – This gun is like a radar gun and it is not working properly, it has a short in it. This was tabled because of the exorbitant cost to replace it.

Cookout for the Police Department – Pam Fuller wants to do a Picnic/Cookout for our Officers when it cools off some. We would purchase the meat and individuals could bring the sides. The Officers could bring their families, too. A suggestion was made that since Lt. Andrews is leaving by Oct. 24th, we might want to do a going away for him. Pam said the date will likely be October 17.

Julie Seaman asked if we could get more money for guest speakers. She would like 8 cards. A motion for \$200 to cover the cards was made by Linda Mallon and a second was made by Pam Fuller. The motion was unanimous.

OFFICER'S REPORT – Officer Jeremy Ballew read a special letter to our group from Lt. Andrews informing us of his retirement and thanking us for what we have meant to him for 12 years. He wanted everyone to have his cell # in case you need anything and the # is 254-396-2617. We were all sad to hear this news.

SUNSHINE CLUB: Sue Macon said there would not be a drawing tonight.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Julie Seaman said she sent Thank You cards to Bond Arms for the wonderful tour, the Hood County News for their ads they donated for Tip-A-Cop and to John Knox for cooking and hosting the group after the 4th of July Parade.

Paul Parker asked everyone to please be aware we are not to use the back door of the Police Department for entrance. No one will answer it. Always come in the front so the ladies know who is there and can check you in.

A motion was made by Bruce Oppermann to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Motion was seconded by Linda Mallon. Motion was unanimous.

We had 22 members present. The program was Diane Williams, Field Representative for Congressman Conaway.

Pat Andris, Secretary