

CPAA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2016

Call to Order: Jean Pilling, President called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

Roll Call: 22 members present. Refer to sign in sheet.

Previous Minutes: Paul Parker made a motion to approve the minutes of Nov. 12, 2015 as presented on the website. Dee Crow seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. **MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE.**

Treasurer's Report: The reports were made by Julie Seaman: The beginning balance for November, 2015 was \$8,930.⁰⁹ with deposits totaling \$885.⁰⁰. Checks were written in the amount of \$2,452.⁶⁹, leaving an ending balance of \$7,362.⁴⁰. The beginning balance for the Sunshine Fund was \$1,039.⁶² with a deposit of \$71.⁰⁰ and a withdrawal of \$141.¹⁸, leaving an ending balance of \$969.⁴⁴. The Popcorn Fund beginning and ending balance was \$30.⁷⁷. The fundraiser for the Derringer Raffle added \$405.⁰⁰ in November, minus costs of \$379.⁰⁰, leaving an ending balance of \$1,496.⁰⁰.

The beginning balance for December, 2015 was \$7,362.⁴⁰ with deposits totaling \$173.⁰⁰. Checks were written in the amount of \$1,908.⁶⁵, leaving an ending balance of \$5,626.⁷⁵. The beginning and ending balance for the Sunshine Fund was \$969.⁴⁴. The Popcorn Fund beginning balance and ending balance was \$30.⁷⁷. The fundraiser for the Derringer Raffle added \$45.⁰⁰ in December, leaving an ending balance and total profit of \$1,541.⁰⁰.

Pat Andris noted that in addition, HEB gave \$100 to go towards Christmas candy. Julie Seaman will send a thank you card to them.

Donna Williams made a motion to approve both Treasurer's Reports as read. Gary Miller seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. **MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE.**

Julie Seaman: We are changing banks from Northstar to First National. We feel that First National gives better, faster service and has a more up to date website and online banking portal. Membership dues are due ASAP, \$15 per individual and \$25 per couple. Please send all funds to Treasurer Phyllis Edans. We need 2 non-board members to help audit the annual financial summary report. Karen Dougherty and Wes Thompson volunteered to help with this task.

VP Reports: Julie Seaman: We are collecting nominations for the Volunteer of the Year for any individual who has gone over and above for the alumni group in the past year. The winner will receive recognition and an award at the next meeting in February. On a separate note, we typically add the previous year's President to the plaque that hangs in the PD lobby. Sgt. Bricchetto will look into taking the plaque in to have Paul's name added.

Pat Andris: Later on in tonight's meeting, we will be doing a personality test to figure out the strengths of each member and also to get to know one another better. Everyone will also have an opportunity to take a minute to talk a little about themselves and why they joined the group. February's speaker will be

Sheri Campbell-Husband, the Assistant City Manager, so get your questions ready. The March speaker is our very own Linda Mallon with the Hood & Somervell County Veteran's Services. In April, instead of a standard meeting, the idea is to instead meet at either Stumpy's or Grump's to share a meal and get to know one another better. Based on a show of hands, Grumps was the group favorite.

COPS Report: Ken Clough: Things are really ramping up; for 2015, COPS members put in approximately 2,064 hours, compared to 3,732 hours since the program was revamped in 2012. Election results for the COPS Board are as follows: Ken Clough - Captain, Pam Fuller - Patrol Sargent, and Jorge Mendoza - Training Sargent. Thanks to Julie [Seaman] and Richard [Stone] for helping the PD traffic on Fall Creek Highway for three and a half hours last night. Ken will continue to be the website administrator next year, so if you need to post anything to our site, send it to him.

Adopt-A-Cop: Pam Fuller sent out 4 birthday cards in December and 2 in January. For Christmas, she sent out some specialty popcorn to the officers, which was well received.

Committee Reports:

Pam Fuller (Finance/Fundraising): Some of the toboggans that were ordered as Christmas gifts do not fit some of the officers. No clear resolution to this issue, but let's consider that we haven't purchased our big annual gift to the PD yet.

Pendant fundraiser for the Sunshine Club will be drawn for later tonight. Tickets are \$2 apiece. The raffle for the Pink "Bond Girl" Derringer firearm will kick off soon, and tickets for that are \$3 apiece. The lower ticket price is to entice people to purchase more tickets. The drawing will take place on April 7th in the alumni class.

We need to look at fundraising for this year's Christmas party. Casino night is one concept being investigated to keep things fresh. A fundraiser at Stumpy's is planned and we are investigating doing another fundraiser at Palio's. Tip-A-Cop is coming up in June.

Donna Williams (Media/Publicity): We have tri-fold brochures printed that will be distributed at businesses around the square to drum up interest. There are extras here for anyone who wishes to take some to pass out.

Sgt. Brichetto: If anyone has ideas in relation to media or publicity, feel free to share them. The Board is not solely responsible for getting the word out about our group.

Jean: We are now taking volunteers to help distribute 500 tri-fold brochures to various churches, businesses, HOA's, etc. If you are aware of any newsletters or publications that can feature the group, get with Donna. We are working on doing a Granbury TV interview/PSA with Sgt. Brichetto and a couple of alumni members. We are also thinking about sending out "We Miss You" cards to encourage lapsed members to start coming back to meetings and events. The Hood County News gave a quote of \$240 to run 6,000 flyers in one circulation of the paper. Vista Print quoted \$480 for 5,000 flyers. There is also potential to purchase our own paper and then see if the City would OK a printing run on their equipment.

There was some additional discussion as to the best methods to spread the word about our group.

Gary Miller (Events/Parades): We need to bring in new recruits to “feed the gene pool”. Hours analysis shows that a small minority of members contribute a majority of the volunteer hours. The concern is that a handful of members are doing most of the heavy lifting. Open to ideas and suggestions from anyone regarding marketing and growth strategies. At this point in the year, the events calendar is open in regards to what events that our group would like to participate in.

Linda Mallon: Suggests an appeal to the community’s sense of patriotism, especially in today’s media climate in regards to law enforcement. This may be another way moving forward to market ourselves and to get people interested in the group.

Gary Miller: A new idea for 2016 is to start a mentoring program that would pair together a member of the CPAA alumni to a member of the incoming academy class in order to provide general guidance to new class members and to answer any questions they may have. It would provide a bonding opportunity and at the same time build interpersonal relationships. Those relationships could be the key for getting people to make the jump from the police academy classes into the academy alumni group.

Jean Pilling: CPAANT is the Citizen’s Police Academy Association of North Texas. They meet once a month on Saturday’s in various cities across DFW. This group is a place where various CPAA groups from the area come together to network and share ideas on events/programs/strategies. If we agree to join, there is an opportunity for Granbury to be a host city and have one of the forums here.

Paul Parker made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$25 in order to join the CPAANT group. Sherri Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. **MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE.**

Gary Miller: There is a feeling that the City Council has no real idea about what our organization represents and what benefits we provide to the community and the Police Department. We should brainstorm ideas to bring the City Council in the loop in regards to what our group is all about.

Officer’s Report: Sgt. Brichetto: Hiring process for the PD is underway: 19 applicants have been narrowed down to a pool of 10 candidates. Oral boards will take place in February, and the PD is looking to get 2 police officer recruits out of the pool. The 2016 Citizen’s Police Academy will begin on March 31 and will be every Thursday for approximately 12 weeks. We need to start circulating sign-up sheets for volunteers to provide meals once we have a more accurate estimate of how many people will be participating.

Sunshine Club: Julie Seaman won the Sunshine drawing for this meeting.

Open Discussion: Sgt. Wiginton of the PD gave the alumni group and COPS thanks for all the support that is provided.

Adjourn: Pam Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Phyllis Edans seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Approved:

President – Jean Pilling

Date

Secretary – Brett Mangum

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