

TEXAS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
REGION ONE

General Meeting Minutes
Host: Alvin CPAAA
Saturday, December 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Pres. Tom Lane.
The Prayer was led by Vice-Pres. Calvin Walker.
The Pledge of Allegiance and Honor the Texas Flag was said by all.

The membership was welcomed to Alvin by Eric Varnado, President of the Alvin CPAAA. Chief Mike Merkel also welcomed the membership and thanked us for volunteering our time. He said that we as volunteers are the “Strong Foundation of making America Great”. Also, introduced was Liaison Justin Kelly.

In addition, Captain Terry Lucas was introduced, and said that he teaches volunteerism in police services throughout the state-How we maintain interests in this program. With all of the great ideas that come from the citizens is not a challenge but evolves into a program that is better than it ever has been. This program is “without barriers”.

Bill Ray, with the Homeland Preparedness Organization, had spoken at the Angleton meeting in November, gave the membership an update. He said they held the orientation in Brazoria County for the Medical Reserve Corp and the C.E.R.T Corp. He said the flu shots turned out fine. They did a drive thru for giving out flu shots. Paper work was done in the car and the flu shot was given. They had enough shots for 2000 and gave out 590. He said that the US Senate had passed a bill to bring the Medical Reserve Corp. into the public more. 22 million has been appropriated if it passes.

Minutes-Approved as presented.

Treasurer’s Report-Treasurer Beeson reported that Lake Jackson, Sugar Land, and Dickinson had paid their 2007 membership dues. Report approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Need to set up an “audit committee” to audit the treasurer’s books at the January meeting on Saturday, January 13, in Webster. Carolyn Corbin, Lisa Wilson, and George Gabriles have agreed to be the “audit committee”.

Pres. Tom Lane had a “proof copy” of the new membership directory. This was discussed by the directors and officers at an earlier meeting. At the end of this meeting it was agreed by all of the directors and officers present that his “proof copy” was just fine.

Birthdays-None

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Old Business:

The bylaws were checked and it stated that we needed to have a written ballot. Pres. Tom Lane had made up new ballots and they were passed out to the membership. Motion was made by Joyce Beeson to suspend the bylaws with respect to the voting for everyone the rules in the membership to vote for today's election. It was seconded by Norma DeWeese. It was voted on by the voting delegates and passed unanimously.

Dottie Duby said that she would like to be nominated for the secretary's position. Thank You, Dottie!!!!

The Election Results are as follows:

President-Tom Lane.....1 Year Left
Vice-Pres.-Calvin Walker.....1 Year Left
Secretary-Dottie Duby.....1 Year w/2 Yr. Limit
Treasurer-Georgie Benavides.....1 Year w/2 Yr. Limit

Director-Richard Melvin.....3 Years

Congratulations and Good Luck to All!!!

Director Delores Gant has 2 Years (?) and Director Leo Waltz has 1 Year.

New Business:

Joyce Beeson made a motion to appoint a "bylaws committee" for 2007 to review our bylaws and bring the results to the membership. The motion was seconded by Calvin Walker. It was voted on by the voting delegates present and passed unanimously. Calvin Walker agreed to "chair" the committee. Joyce Beeson, George Gabriles, and Deb Smith said she would give as much time as she could, the three make up the rest of the committee.

CPAAA ACTIVITIES

Alvin-2 Citizen patrol units went online on Sept. 30; Numbers came back 28% decrease on being visible in the public; They are on patrol 7 days a week at least 4 hours a day; They will be involved with a walkathon and having a Thanksgiving dinner;

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We participated in the Veteran's Day festivities in November. After the parade we served a barbecue dinner to the veterans and their families and many people in the community.

On December 1st and 2nd we participated in CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE. We sold sausage on a stick, hot chocolate, and cookies. This was one of our best, and most fun fund raisers of the year.

December 7 was the date for graduation of class #16. This was one of the smallest classes we've had in quite a while. It was also one of the most fun and interesting classes. Class #17 will begin in March.

We will be getting a new (to us) C.O.P. car soon. Our C.O.P. program is doing well. The city is very please with the program as it has really slowed disabled parking abuse, assisted in weed control, reported graffiti, relieved police officers from having to do close patrol. The program has also gotten some abandoned houses torn down. Destroying the abandoned houses has had a good affect in closing down drug operations in our city.

The Blue Santa project is in full swing. December 21 is the date for the distribution of gifts. We have 26 (+) families and 86 children. This year only children aged 12 and under will be receiving gifts. The Blue Knights donated approximately 100 bicycles.

The National Dog Trials will be held in ANGLETON in January, 2007.

Dickinson-Will have their "Parade of Lights" this weekend and one next weekend.

Harris County Sheriff's Office-Margaret Hooper-Graduated Class #22, 42 students attending with 17 signing up for CPAAA; Presented "Canine Unit" with \$700.00 for a

"cool vest" for their dog; Also raised \$400.00 by selling hot dogs at the Bass Pro event, that will go to another "cool vest". Provided Thanksgiving dinner to 5 substations; Crime Prevention to sponsor 2 deputies to go to the "Safe Kids Program". Exxon/Mobil Chemical recently honored her, Margaret Hooper. Way to go!!!!

Margaret also discussed a little bit about the "coke program" and said she would give us more information later. She did say that 20 cases is \$15000.00. You must write a check from your organization for payment up front and then it must be delivered to a business. Sell a case for \$20.00 and make a profit of about \$7.50. You can buy and sell as many cases as you want. They have other products such as Nestea, water, Root Beer, etc.

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Houston-
ComidaDrive;

This is the busy time of the year for the Houston CPAAA. For four days - Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 - 3, our members co-sponsored the annual Comida Drive conducted at 19 Houston Fiesta stores. The food drive resulted in the collection of \$49,000 in cash as well as boxes of non-perishable foods.

The funds will be used to purchase food. Alumni members will then assist in the boxing of the food and then the distribution.

Our group held its holiday party Dec. 7 at the Aramco Services Building. It was a potluck supper and members brought an unwrapped gift for the Houston Police Department Blue Santa program. Recipient was the Fondren Division, which was represented by two officers and a lieutenant. Our police chief, Harold Hurt, is recovering from major surgery, but HPD was represented by two executive assistant chiefs, two assistant chiefs and Lance Ediger, our liaison officer.

Class 38 graduated last month. NEW CLASS TO START IN FEBRUARY.

We have a new public service/fund raising project - the sale of LED flashlights. \$10⁰⁰ each

Mike Weingart

LAKE JACKSON CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI

Christmas candy sales netted \$264.

Project Identification is complete for this calendar year. We will be trying to schedule assisted living care centers after the first of the year.

CPA Class 25 graduated. The graduation event was held at the Civic Center; and LJCPAAA prepared the graduation dinner. LJPD Officer Jeremy Burch was honored as Officer of the Year recipient, and Laura Brandes was honored as LJCPAAA Volunteer of the Year.

LJCPAAA is participating in the Blue Santa Program at the PD.

The Disabled Parking Program continues.

A party will be held at President Burke's home on December 15 for LJCPAAA members.

The Annual Meeting will be held January 11 with election of Board Members and Officers.

Liberty County-Carroll Bagley said that they will be assisting with the "Country Christmas Program by taking pictures.

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Sugar Land-Deb Smith-We graduated Class #38 this past Friday. We gained 8 new members so far. We have 20 already signed up for the next class. We held our "Craft Sale #1" on this past Saturday and have scheduled a second one for Saturday, December 16th at the Town Square Plaza in Sugar Land next to the Christmas Programs that day. We had a successful "Warrant Callout". Class #2 for the C.A.S.T. Program will start in the first quarter of 2007 with about 10 already signed up. They are involved in house watches, parks, fitness center watches, handicapped parking, and still putting out "ghost cars" for more visibility. Our Chief Steve Griffith has been very supportive of our organization.

Webster-Leo Waltz-will be helping with the Blue Santa Program receiving gifts; Police Dept. and the alumni make cookies on Saturday and give out to the Senior Citizens; they have allocated \$2000.00 for the police department;

Drawing Winners-Margaret Hooper
La Vonne Walker
Thomas Bach
Tom Lane
Darrel Copenhagen
Jo Ann Wied
Rita Crosby
Norma DeWeese
Carroll Bagley
Jeanne Canales

Thank You Alvin for the nice medallions!
Thank You Alvin for hosting the meeting and it was nice to have you all back again.

Adjournment: Somewhere around 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canales, Secretary, Texas CPAAA Region One

Note** I have enjoyed serving as secretary for the last two years and hope to continue to serve in another capacity. One capacity some of us would like to see for the new year is to bring together some of the cpaaa's in our region that have not been attending, to try to keep up with events through the year with our cpaaa's, and try to assist and support them in their efforts by being present at their event or volunteering along side them. Thank you again for letting me serve as your secretary.