



CPAANT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 am by President, Geri Sorg. The meeting was held at the Golden Corral in North Richland City since there was no host city.

After saying the pledge of alliance each attendee introducing themselves and their alumni association with the cities of Weatherford, Irving, Mansfield, Arlington, DeSoto, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Coppell, Carrollton, Lewisville, Cedar Hill, and Euless represented at this meeting. A guest representative from Flower Mound was also present. The total membership in attendance was 30 with thirteen agencies present and six agency reps.

Wes W. was introduced as the speaker to explain the web site. "**Club Photo Album**" is for city's photos they submit; "**Club Background**" is for the history of CPAANT, by-laws, and board members. Each board member has an e-mail link that will forward the message to them. Wes explained he can set up an e-mail account for any member; "**Newsletters/Minutes**" will contain the newsletter and meeting minutes; "**Member Cities**" lists the member cities and their web site links; "**Recent and Upcoming Events**" is for a calendar of each cities recent events and the upcoming meetings and events; "**Bulletin Board**" will list postings of general announcements, status of members, etc.; and "**Related Links**" will be for other organizations that have useful information related to the alumni association. Wes explained to send your information and suggestions to the Webmaster noted at the bottom of the web site. John E. thanked Wes for work on the web site and recommended each agency take advantage of the tool to post information about their group that others might find useful.

The minutes for the January 2009 meeting were approved as amended. The motion was made to accept by Arlington and seconded by Haltom City. January 2009 treasurer's report was approved as amended with a motion to accept by Arlington and a second by Coppell.

James L. reported on the state region meeting held in Buffalo, Tx on January 24th. The state conference will be held in San Marcus on July 30, 31, and August 1st. Accommodations are available at the Embassy Suite for \$119.00 per night. More information is available at the state web site (www.TPA.org). The upcoming schedule is a meeting in Buffalo on April 24th, a walk-through for the state convention on July 25th, the state convention for 2010 will be held in College Station, and the 2011 convention is scheduled for Galveston.

Geri announced that cities are still needed to host our monthly meetings. The months still open are April, May, July, and December. Next month Lewisville will be hosting the meeting on March 7th. Arlington will be hosting the Chiefs' Roundtable at the October meeting at their Southside station. Members need to verify their chief's names and addresses at the next meeting. John E. says that both mail and phone contact works best to get the invitations out to the chiefs. Geri appointed Cindy E. to chair a committee to contact the chiefs. Cindy said if your chief sends a representative to get their name to the committee so an invitation can be sent. Also it is O.K. to invite a chief whether or not their city is a CPAANT member. A suggestion was made to collect questions ahead of the October meeting on index cards and submit them to the chiefs so they can be prepared to answer questions.

The floor was opened for each member city to "Brag" or make announcements on their upcoming events:

Flower Mound introduced their organization as 94 active members, participate in a police/fire softball tournament for fundraising, feed their officers annually, working on organizing to support the spouses of officers if needed, and they have three vehicles which includes a truck obtained through a drug seizure to move their skywatch tower.

Carrollton said that with the city providing vehicles they have seen more cooperation between the police officers, are helping their officers' wives with setting up as a 501c(3) organization, and inquired if any cities has a graffiti abatement program. DeSoto said they were working on it.

Irving announced they were having a fundraiser at Via Real on February 15th for the children and families of officers.

Arlington had 11 alumni graduate from the 1st CERT class, a candle light memorial will be held on May 13th, the Chiefs' Roundtable will be held at the Southside station, and the 45th CPA class starts on February 12th.

Ft Worth will not be able to host any CPAANT meetings this year (April and December).

Coppell's high school self defense classes for girls will be taught by officers on their force.

Lewisville will be hosting their annual "Battle of the Badges" on June 27th and are needing volunteers to work November 9th through the 13th at the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiations Conference.

Weatherford has a new chief (Mike Manning), the city donated the use of the Chandler Gardens last month for our meeting, and Casino Nights will be on February 21st (Cindy has tickets and can be contacted to donate gifts or wish to be a sponsor).

Hudson Oaks graduated its first CPA class.

Desoto new academy class starts March 12th and their awards banquet is tonight.

Eules annual warrant calls are scheduled for March; they are combining their CPA and CFA classes.

The Statewide Citizen on Patrol Coordination Round Table in Granbury has to be re-scheduled to Fort Worth because of weather issues.

James Long announced that he is still looking for volunteers to work the SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Conference on March 6th at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm.

With a motion made by DeSoto and second by Lewisville the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ernst
CPAANT Secretary

- Approved
- Approved as Corrected