



CPAANT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Geri Sorg, President. Geri asked for everyone to observe a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives on 9-11. James Long, Sergeant at Arms, led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

The Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association hosted the meeting.

Chief Mike Brown introduced Senior Corporal Kim Althouse, the speaker for today. Senior Corporal Althouse presented a program on "CART", Child Abduction Response Team. This team consists of participants from twelve member cities in Tarrant County. These team members work together when called on an abduction no matter what City needs the help. There were several questions and much interest in this program.

Chief Brown gave a motivational message on having passion for what ever you do. He adheres to the idea of giving 100% while expecting 0%. No matter the situation always find a way to make things happen. This can happen if you have passion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The minutes of the July meeting were discussed and with numerous corrections to be made they were approved by Mansfield with a second by Grand Prairie.

Karen Sasso gave the following treasurer's reports for July and August. Beginning balance July 1, 2010 was \$3151.01. Deposits of \$25.00 (Trophy Club dues) and expenditures of \$115.00 (Convention registration for Pat Struble), \$40.00 (rent of table at convention) bringing the filed as audit balance as of July 31, 2010 to \$3021.01. A motion was made by Arlington that the report be approved with a second by Burleson.

The August treasurer's report is as follows: Balance as of August 1, 2010 was \$3021.01. Deposits of 25.00 (Duncanville dues) and expenditures of \$94.25 (checks ordered) bringing the filed as audit balance as of August 31, 2010 \$2951.76. A motion was made by Trophy Club to approve the report with a second by Grand Prairie.

During the meeting Karen was handed the receipts from the TV raffle at the convention. \$553.00 was turned in. After the purchase price of the TV was deducted, the net gain from the raffle was \$163.00. This information will be included in the September treasurer's report.

By-Laws committee - John Gault stated that in July the by-laws were posted on the website with items required by the IRS and other minor changes in red text. There have been no comments received regarding changes. Today is the last day for any comments. They will be deferred one more month before being voted on for adoption.

The procedural process will be checked for wording and presented at the next meeting. This has nothing to do with the by-laws.

Membership - Scott Peterson reported that there are 19 CPAANT members to date. He will be contact groups in Paris, Granbury, Midlothian, and Bridgeport regarding possible membership. Scott stressed to each group that all dues are to be paid in January regardless of the month they joined. He would ensure that other groups joining understood this.

Historian - All files have been placed on a flash drive and a sample brochure will be presented at the next meeting.

Special Events - Absent.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sworn State Representative - James Long gave a report regarding actions taken by the board at the Texas State Convention. There were approximately 240 in attendance at the convention. In the past only Region One and Region Two were represented on the board. There is still no representative from Region Three or Region Six, but Region Five

has a representative from El Paso. The goal of the board is to have all six regions represented.

The board is in the process of identifying all CPAAA's in Texas hoping to bring more members to the convention. The proposed by-law change allowing all paid members the opportunity to vote and elect officers was defeated. In the past each group having a sworn and non-sworn delegate attending the convention were allowed to vote in the election of board officers. Beginning next year each group represented at the convention will be allowed two votes. The member unable to attend and vote may select someone cast a vote in their place.

Incumbent President Ben Hernandez was nominated by the committee to run for the same office. David Miller from Dickinson was nominated from the floor. David Miller was elected President. Becky Giles from Mesquite was elected First Vice President. Garland CPAAA won all four State awards. Mr. Long further stated that all of the speakers were very good and there was a variety of subjects.

#### Non-Sworn State Representative - Absent

John Gault reported that the 2011 State Convention will be held in Galveston at Moody Gardens. Registration can be done on line. The hotel rates, \$124.00 a night, are good for the entire week for those wishing to stay. The convention dates are August 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday).

#### **ALUMNI REPORTS**

*CARROLLTON* - They are selling "No Solicitation" signs to be placed near front door to prevent door to door selling. The signs are selling for \$10.00. They have had very good success with the fundraiser. Information is available for those interested in checking out this fundraiser.

*ARLINGTON* - Will be hosting a pre national night out at Cowboy Stadium on September 15<sup>th</sup> (flier was handed to members). Volunteers are being requested for Super Bowl XLV (flier was handed to members). ACPAAA has volunteered nearly 4500 hours for a savings of \$115,000 for the department. ACPAAA will be honoring the 911 operators September 11<sup>th</sup> for work ethics and commitment to public safety. ACPAAA members are volunteering for P.O.P. (International Problem-Oriented Policing and Crime Analysis Conference) at the Arlington Convention Center September 27-30, 2010. Arlington PD was greeted by Director Bernard Melekian, the federal director of Citizen Community Policing. ACPAAA members (that are trained in CERT) participated in the Arlington EOC rescue of several citizens involved in the remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine. ACPAAA is currently training with APD and AFD to build a canine memorial. CPA Class #49 begins on September 13, 2010.

*BURLESON* - Graduated 18 in CPA class in August. September 18<sup>th</sup> - 1mile/5 K Harvest Run. October 5<sup>th</sup> - Mobile Safety Fair - stopping at two different schools; October 9<sup>th</sup> - Founders Day; October 9<sup>th</sup> - Andy Esparza Memorial 1 and 5K run (Esparza was Irving police officer who graduated from Burleson High School in 1998. He passed away in 2007). The 5<sup>th</sup> COPS Academy class has 13 members. Helping PD with warrant calls, speed surveys and Burleson High School football games.

*GRAND PRAIRIE* -Presented four \$75.00 gift certificates to the canine officers for pet food from Pets Smart. Discovering the reason for the certificates, Pets Smart donated an additional \$1000.00. Working on new police facility in which to hold the December CPAANT meeting.

*LEWISVILLE* - Started CPA class 33 with 28 members.

*SEAGOVILLE* - Current COPS class has 19 members. In the process of getting COPS to volunteer again. October 5<sup>th</sup> - National Night Out. October 9<sup>th</sup> - Country Days. First Annual E.L.F. and Friends at Christmas.

*TROPHY CLUB* - Graduated 7 members from last CPA class and 14 from CERT training. Celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trophy Club. October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bike Race out of Justin will go through Trophy Club.

*EULESS* - Will now be combining CPA/CFA Academy classes. Deployed CERT and GEEK to do storm damage assessments. No final report on outcome. September 18<sup>th</sup> - Annual BBQ Banquet and Silent Auction. October 5<sup>th</sup> Will be attending National Night Out community events.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. with a motion by Grand Prairie and a second by Desoto.