



**February 19, 2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes
Universal City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
UC Public Works Building**

Board members

Present: President Harry Finke, Vice-President Dan Meyer, Treasurer Brenda Hester and Secretary Lori Crouch were present.

Quorum Call (22 members needed for quorum)

There were 26 members, Sgt. Daniel Carmona was in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order and Silence Phones

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the President.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Review and approve / disapprove the January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail by Lori Crouch. A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made and seconded. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously.

Review and approve / disapprove the January Financial Statement

The January Financial Statement was prepared and sent out by e-mail by Brenda Hester. A motion to approve the financial statement was made and seconded. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously.

Introduction of UC Police Officers

No new officers were introduced tonight. Sgt. Carmona announced that Officer Beltran will attend the next meeting.

Speaker

There was no speaker this month. Dan Meyer was unable to show the videos pertaining to Human Trafficking due to technical difficulties. He will try to show them at the next meeting.

Asst. Chief Gabbard was in attendance and wanted to thank the Alumni personally for everything they do. He doesn't know how they did it 20 years ago without our help. There was a good turnout at Snow Fest and no lost kids.

There has been a good turnover of Officers and surrounding cities are experiencing the same. The PD is doing a recruiting drive. They now have one opening for an Officer.

Chief Gabbard said there have been comments that they are pushing the Alumni out on helping with the warrants. He said it was a business decision to hire an aggressive organization to handle warrants. The Alumni will continue to help with some warrant service.

He said there have been compliments about the court liaison and that they are making a difference.

Someone came in court with bedbugs. They had to move everybody out and had to fumigate. The Court was rescheduled.

March 3 is election day and the Council will meet on March 4 at 6:30 pm.

Diane Robles Meyers received a Life-Saving pin for helping with a man choking.

Old Business

New CPA Class

Paul Najarian stated there were 13 people signed up for the new CPA class. He thanked Bill Fitzpatrick and Elaine Bolduc for their help. They have an ad in the Gateway and on the electronic sign on Kitty Hawk. The sign-up sheet for gate watchers is full but there is one more slot for someone to bring the snacks. Dan Hancock has taken care of the notebooks. The Alumni has the budget to reimburse the snacks.

Snow Fest – Safety Patrol Volunteers – Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill said the Snow Fest was a success and that Elsa and Anna from Frozen had the help of our Alumni volunteers as they were brought to the stage to perform. He thanked everybody for helping. The flashlights that were purchased for the Alumni were great for the event.

Annual Dues

Harry mentioned that the Alumni dues are \$20 per person and are due by April 15, 2020.

Volunteer for Guest Speakers

Dan Meyer asked for leads for guest speakers and said he's been traveling a lot for work and asked for volunteers to help with researching and scheduling guest speakers. Human Trafficking is on the list of subjects that we wish to cover.

Member Suggestions for Speakers

Dan Meyer asked the Alumni for suggestions on topics or speakers for the meetings.

Other Old Business

Gary Reichle said that they need help with court liaison due to court been rescheduled due to the bedbug incident. Court is on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. It starts at 7am and you would be out by 10am or 10:30am. Five people are needed to help and would be needed for the next few court sessions.

Arnie Saunders said they might be moving to Virginia due to his wife having a stroke.

Ina Nepsund asked about a group to send cards when members are ill. Harry informed her and the Alumni to notify Lori Crouch when someone is ill or for any reason that a card needs to be sent.

New Business

Gun Raffle

Tom Ingle said the gun raffle will start on the same day as the Pancake Breakfast and it will run from then until August or when all the tickets are sold. Harry emphasized that we need everybody to help. We need team leads to pass around sign-up sheets. Tickets can be sold to anyone, but you must be 21 years of age. It is not a problem if you live out of state, the guns can be shipped. Tom said you don't need knowledge of guns to help at the gun range. You can sell the tickets and you can handle taking the money. We need someone with a phone that can take Square and Tom can set it up on your phone. The raffle tickets were sold out in 12 ½ weeks last year. The guns purchased for this year will be the Sig 365 and the Sig 365XL. They are concealed carry weapons and have 7 and 12 rounds. The gun of the year was the Sig 365.

Chain of Command for UCCPAAA Issues

Harry reminded the Alumni if they have any issues or initiatives to please speak with the Board members first before they approach the PD or City officials.

UCPD Facebook

Harry said the Chief wants a photo of the Alumni alongside an Officer and the equipment that was purchased with the UCCPAAA funds. It will show the community what the funds go towards and it will show community development. Volunteers are needed for the photo.

Civilian Crime Fighter of the Year Award

This year's award will be more significant than last year. The award will be given at the city council meeting and Green Shirts are needed to be in attendance. Bill Fitzpatrick asked to increase the gift card from \$50 to \$100 and it was approved.

Other New Business

Tom Ingle said there will be a meeting in March to talk about business solicitations. Jodi Williams-Thomas will be at the meeting. Alumni are welcomed to attend. An email will be sent out with the information.

Police Report

Sgt. Carmona stated that pawnshops are to report to Police when excessive amounts of jewelry and electronics are received.

The new CPA class will not include the CPR course. Several of the Alumni stated they never received their certifications from last year. The class will be 12 weeks. The Assistant Fire Chief will be part of the class speaking about arson investigations. Alumni are welcome to attend the classes.

The Fraud Task Force commander will be coming to a CPA class. It will be a 45- minute class about the technology and scams that are used. Surrounding agencies are joining the Fraud Task Force on the federal side and can now file federally. 13 people have been indicted federally. A prosecutor for the case of a suspect who shot and put a body in the trunk of a car called Sgt. Carmona to inform him that the suspect received life without parole.

There were break-ins at the Forum. It was 2 people that hit 5 stores. They also hit SA, Austin, Selma and Round Rock. SA is working together with others to investigate.

A man was robbed of his truck.

There was an aggravated robbery at gunpoint at El Toro at 5am.

There are guys going to Schertz and Cibolo trying to rob ATM's at CVS.

Sgt. Carmona informed women to please watch their surroundings. Watch yourself in parking lots and, while you're pumping gas. And don't leave your purse sitting in your seat while you're pumping gas.

Marcia Smith asked about the mail theft in UC. Sgt. Carmona said it's still happening. They recovered over 1000 pieces of mail. It's Felony 1 charge and they can take it federally. There were 279 victims and they need 50 for a Felony 1. They were told that they need another 70 plaintiffs, or they will have to drop the case. The suspect is from Canyon Lake. She was found in a vacant house after a neighbor called the Police.

Next Meeting

The meeting will be at UC Public Works on March 18, 2020.

Adjournment

At 7:48 PM, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori Crouch, Secretary