

Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association

Monthly Meeting

April 18, 2023

Board Members: Cheryl Hardwick: Present Melissa Hegemeyer: Present
 Kenneth Pilcher: Present Megan Avery: Present
 Katherine Ward: Present Thomas Payne: Present
 Vicki LeBlanc: Present

Call to Order: President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:08 P.M. on April 18, 2023, at the Full Plate Restaurant.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: The invocation was done by President Cheryl Hardwick and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all members.

Sign In Sheet: President Cheryl Hardwick asked all members and attendances to be sure and sign in.

Welcome Visitors: President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed all visitors and thanked Full Plate for letting HCCA have our monthly meetings there.

Approval of March 2023 Minutes: Board member Kenneth Pilcher made the motion to approve the March 2023 minutes, a second was made by Treasurer Megan Avery. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

April 2023 Treasurer’s Report and Approval – Balance \$83,306.62: Board Member Vicki LeBlanc made a motion to approve the balance on the Treasurer’s Report and a second was made by Board Member Thomas Payne. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Waller County Sesquicentennial - Jackie Hopkins Craver: Coordinator, gave a brief overview of what will be happening for the Sesquicentennial week, and stated that they were trying to get 150 entries for the parade.

Recognize Hempstead ISD Teachers and Paraprofessionals of the Year:

President Cheryl Hardwick recognized the Hempstead ISD Teachers and Paraprofessionals of the year. They were each presented with a gift basket and a picture was taken.

Hempstead ISD Campus	Teacher of the Year	Paraprofessional of the Year
Hempstead Early Childhood Center	Marissa Sanders	Rebecca Venegas
Hempstead Elementary School	Tabitha Collins	Sandra Alvarez
Hempstead Middle School	Karen Neal	Loretta Smith-Harris
Hempstead High School	Christine Herbert	Briana Buford

Recognize the Hempstead ISD Teachers and Support Staff for the Months of January, February, and March: President Cheryl Hardwick recognized the Hempstead ISD Teachers and support staff for the months of January, February, and March. Each one was given a gift basket and a picture was taken.

Hempstead ISD Campus	Teacher of the Month for January	Support Staff for the Month of January
Hempstead Early Childhood Center	Catherine Johns	Savannah Bond

Hempstead Elementary School	Camirey Jackson	Kimberly Lucherk
Hempstead Middle School	Karon Neal	Monica Salazar
Hempstead High School	Carly Becker	Barbie Del Real

Hempstead ISD Campus	Teacher of the Month for February	Support Staff for the Month of February
Hempstead Early Childhood Center	Sandra Lozano	Sandra Leiva
Hempstead Elementary School	Sarah Chudalla-Shaffer	Dana Pineda
Hempstead Middle School	Chris Sandra Jackson	Adrianna Conde
Hempstead High School	Cornell Lang	Grecia Maldonado

Hempstead ISD Campus	Teacher of the Month for March	Support Staff for the Month of March
Hempstead Early Childhood Center	Sheila Hill	Kathy Ivey
Hempstead Elementary School	Bertha Cole	Shakita Gravie
Hempstead Middle School	Kristy Rico	Susan McCown
Hempstead High School	Christine Herbert	Brianna Buford

Report on Eater in the Park: President Cheryl Hardwick reported on the HCCA Easter in the Park.

Winners of the Coloring Contest were Ella Lewis age 5, Ariel Hatfield age 6, and Ayden Ramirez age 10. Thanks to the Hempstead Lions Club for being the sponsor of the coloring contest. Sponsors of the Easter in the Park were Citizens Coffee and Wine Café, Fife Realty, Hegemeyer Realty and Associates, and the Waller County Express. Thanks to the volunteers: Mary Ann Drawl, Francis Rodzen, Michael Hegemeyer, Melissa Hegemeyer, Cheryl Hardwick, Haley Carter, Pablo Ortuno, Katherine Ward, Vicki LeBlanc, Annette Baker, Kenneth Pilcher, Judith Richey, and Phil Richey. Thanks also to the Easter Bunny for coming and having pictures taken with the kids. There was a huge turnout, and the weather was great for the day.

HCCA Memberships: \$100.00 for a business, \$50.00 for non-profit and \$25.00 for an individual. The Board Members encourage everyone to get involved. President Cheryl Hardwick announced the new members of the HCCA, and they were: B & S Farm and Ranch Services, Mildred Andricks, Melissa Johnson, David Hardwick, Donald Crawford, Patricia Carrillo, Kristi Gallegos, and Brent and Kim Rystrom. The HCCA membership renewals were: The Waller County Express, Odis Styers Realty, St Katherine Drexel Catholic Church, and San Bernard Electric.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration: President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the downtown gazebo with the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church. Jack Gibbs stated there will be no Cinco de Mayo parade this year, they will participate in the Waller County Sesquicentennial Parade.

Memorial Day Parade and Program: President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the Memorial Day Parade and Program will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023, and we still need volunteers to help. The parade will begin at 9:30 A.M. and the

Memorial Day Program will be after the parade. We will be Honoring our Veterans that lost their lives and there will be free food. She asked that everyone come out and wear their red, white, and blue.

Hempstead Watermelon Festival: President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the Watermelon Festival will be held this year on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15, 2023. (SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED).

Recognize Candidates that are Running for the Hempstead City Council - Position 3: Lonnie Garfield is running unopposed, Position 4: Patricia Lynn Mosley, Raul Villarreal, and Karon E. Neal. Position 5: Barbara Haffelfinger and Nora Hodges. The early voting will start on Monday, April 24, 2023, and runs through Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The election will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Each candidate was allowed 5 minutes to speak.

Old Business: None

New Business: HCCA Member Kristi Gallegos talked about adopting a 2023 Hempstead High School Senior that will be graduating. There are 112 seniors in the Class of 2023. The Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association committed to adopting ten seniors with a suggested amount not over \$100.00. The amount will be left up to the person adopting the senior. For more information contact Kristi Gallegos at (979-900-4440).

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 16, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at Full Plate, 2105 13th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

Upcoming Local Events:

- Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolics – Cajun Fun Night on Friday, April 21, 2023, at the KC Hall in Hallettsville, Texas from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
- City of Brookshire Sesquicentennial Celebration – Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in Downtown Brookshire.
- Waller County Sesquicentennial Event – Monaville Celebration Ice Cream Social and Dessert, Sunday, April 23, 2023, at the Monaville Fire Department, 13631 Cochran Road in Monaville, Texas with Kids Games, Cornhole, Firefighter Obstacle Course, Music and More.
- Hempstead Garden Club Tea Party, Lunch, and Fashion Show – Friday, April 28, 2023, at noon at the Grand Texana at 53447 Hwy 290, Hempstead, Texas.
- Waller County Fair & Rodeo – Mudbug and Crawfish Boil with Dinner and Auction, on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas beginning at 5:30 P.M.
- Waller County Sesquicentennial Parade – Theme is Celebrating 150 Years – Saturday, April 29, 2023, in downtown Hempstead at 10:00 A.M.
- Waller County 4-H BBQ on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.
- Waller County Sesquicentennial Antique Car and Tractor Show - Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.
- Crowning of the Sesquicentennial Queen at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 3:30 P.M.
- City of Pattison – Monday, May 1, 2023, Waller County Sesquicentennial Branding Party, from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
- City of Waller – Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Waller City Hall and the Waller Museum at 1218 Farr Street, Waller, Texas.

- Prairie View Farmer's Market Sesquicentennial Event – Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Overview of the College's Extension, Academic and Research Programs, Presentation of Medicinal Plants, Exhibits of Signature Programs, Recipe Sampling, and a Tour of the Farm.
- City of Katy – Katy Heritage Park Tours on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5990 George Bush Drive, Katy, Texas from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration with St Katherine's Drexel Catholic Church and HCCA – Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Clarke Gazebo Park in Downtown Hempstead from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. with Food, Kids Zone, and Live Music.
- Texas BBQ Throwdown for the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the Barbeque Store located at 850 Hwy 290 North, Hempstead, Texas.