**2City of Hempstead**

 **Commerce and Civic Association Meeting**

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome Visitor’s
4. Sign In Sheet
5. Report from HISD Superintendent Mr. Herbert O’Neil, Jr. on “Beyond the Talk” A Deeper Look into the Districts Strategic Priorities and Long-Range Facility Planning
6. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for November 2023 for the Early Childhood Center – Teacher of the Month is Marisha Jordan, and the Support Staff is Doria Williams for November
7. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for November 2023 for the Elementary Campus – Teacher of the Month is Sarah Shaffer, and the Support Staff is Shelly Hazel for November
8. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for November 2023 for the Middle School Campus – Teacher of the Month is Melissa Mazurkiewicz, and the Support Staff is Adriana Conde for November
9. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for November 2023 for the High School Campus – Teacher of the Month is Casie Westbrook, and the Support Staff is LaTasha Garvie for November
10. Honor and Recognize FFA Student Honor Brianna Padilla for Placing 6th Place in the State of Texas Greenhand FFA Creed Speaking Contest
11. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead FFA Dairy Cattle Team for Competing at the Lone Star Junior Dairy Extravaganza Contest in Wichita Falls and Were the 3rd Overall Senior Team – Team Members are Kenzey Cox, Passion Davis, Sophia Deverso, Haley Herbert, and Garret Kwiatkowski. Sophia Deverso was the 8th High Individual and 10th High Individual was Haley Herbert
12. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead Theatre Company Winners from the Brazos Speech Tournament – Champion Anayanzeth Salinas Vargas, 1st Runner Up Jesus Montero Oliva Competed in Prose – Maeli Smith Placed 5th Place in Poetry, and Maeli Smith Placed 4th in Informative Speaking
13. Report on the Festival of Lights

Festival of Lights Sponsors:

A Plus Construction Coldwell Banker Edmonds Insurance Ewing Builders

Fife Realty H & R Block Hegemeyer Realty

 Howard Insurance Knights Insurance Prosperity Bank Sheryl Ha

 Vicki LeBlanc The BBQ Store University Title

 Waller County Land Waller County Land We Brand It Sean Whittmore

Home Decorating Winners – 1st Place Secita Johnson, 2nd Place Ruben & Kristi Gallegos, and 3rd Place Stacy Betz

Business Decorating Winners – 1st Place K Gallery, 2nd Place Focusing Families, and 3rd Place The Waller County Express

Tree Decorating Contest – 1st Place The Hempstead Garden Club, 2nd Place Master Gardeners, and 3rd Place the Brazos Valley 4-H Club

Parade Contest – 1st Place St Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, 2nd Place Waller County Republic Women, and 3rd Place 4G Acres

1. Upcoming Local Events

\* Hempstead High School Basketball and Soccer Games on Tuesday and Fridays

\*City of Hempstead Turkey and Toy Drive – Friday, December 22nd, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

 at the Hempstead City Hall

\* The Refuge Market – Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at 1346 Wilkins Street,

 Hempstead, Texas

 15. Next Meeting – January 16, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew’s Episcopal

 Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas

1. Drawing for Door Prizes
2. Adjourn
3. Surprise Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus with cookies and punch

