

Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, December 17th, 2024

Board Members: Cheryl Hardwick: Present	Melissa Hegemeyer: Present
Katherine Ward: Present	Kenneth Pilcher: Present
Vicki LeBlanc: Present	Raul Villarreal: Absent
James Garfield: Absent	

Call to Order:

President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:03 P.M. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was done by President Cheryl Hardwick and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Katherine Ward.

Welcome Visitors:

President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed all the HCCA members and visitors present.

Sign in Sheet:

President Cheryl Hardwick asked everyone to please be sure and sign in on the attendance sheet and for the door prizes.

Approval of the November 2024 Minutes:

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher and a second motion by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to accept the November 2024 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Approval of the December 2024 Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher, and a second motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc that we accept the December 2024 Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Donation of \$500.00 to Jay Lewis with Becoming Better:

The Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association made a donation of \$500.00 to Becoming Better and it was presented to Jay Lewis for helping with the Festival of Lights, and a picture was taken.

Donation of \$500.00 to the Hempstead High School Theatre Company:

The Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association made a donation of \$500.00 to the Hempstead High School Theatre Company and presented it to the students and the teacher for helping with the Festival of Lights, and a picture was taken.

Donation of \$1,000.00 to Rick Branek with Meals on Wheels:

Rick Branek with Meals on Wheels was unable to attend the meeting and the donation will be presented at the next HCCA meeting.

Recognize and Honor Anna Davenport Hempstead ISD Administrator Assistant to the Superintendent for Being Awarded the Superintendent November Higher Heights Award:

Anna Davenport was unable to attend the meeting.

Recognize and Honor Kelly Springer with H & R Block for Making it in the Top 100 Franchisee List:

The Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association recognized and honored Kelly Springer, the owner of H & R Block, for making it in the top 100 franchisee H & R Block list, and gift basket was presented to her and a picture was taken.

Recognize and Honor Aaron Maddox for Being the Santa at the Festival of Lights for the Second Year at the Festival of Lights:

The Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association recognized and honored Aaron Maddox for being Santa for the second year at the Festival of Lights. A gift basket was presented to him and a picture was taken.

Recognize Brian Gallier with the HCA Houston Healthcare AirLife as a New Business:

Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer introduced Brian Gallier with the HCA Houston Healthcare AirLife. Mr. Gallier talked about the company coming to Hempstead, what they will be able to offer to the community, where they will be located, and their future plans for Hempstead.

Report on the Festival of Lights:

President Cheryl Hardwick recognized everyone for the winners of the business, home, and tree decorating, the parade winners, and the sponsors of the Festival of Lights.

Business Decorating Contest Winners:

First Place: K Gallery

Second Place: Hegemeyer Realty and Associates

Home Decorating Contest Winners:

First Place: Lona Reeves

Second Place: Kristi Gallegos

Third Place: Justin and Jane Hare

Tree Decorating Contest Winners:

First Place: Hempstead Garden Club

Second Place: Waller County Master Gardeners

Parade Contest Winners:

First Place: Watermelon Royalty Court

Second Place: Waller County Fair Queen Court

Third Place: Hempstead High School Early Childhood Center

Festival of Lights Sponsors

City of Hempstead

Hegemeyer Realty & Associates

The BBQ Store

Waller County Land

Cindy Aguilar and Justin Carter

Fife Realty

A Plus Construction

Howard Insurance

HCCA Membership – Business Builder Membership is \$100.00, a Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$50.00: President Cheryl Hardwick encouraged everyone to get involved and to join the HCCA. The HCCA is doing wonderful things for our community and our schools. We welcome everyone to become a member.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

No New Business.

Upcoming Local Events:

City of Hempstead Toy & Truck Drive – Accepting donations through December 9th to December 20th, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Children must be present to receive toys, and only one turkey allowed per family. For more information, please call 979-826-2486.

University Title Company – Wednesday, December 18th, 2024, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. Photos with Santa, with cookies and hot cocoa bar, located at 840 13th Street, Suite 201, Hempstead, Texas.

Solomon Family Roping on Saturday, December 28th and Sunday, December 29th, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds.

Focusing Families 25th Anniversary Dinner Casino Night on January 31, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at the Austin County Fairgrounds, at 1076 Hwy 159 East, Bellville, Texas. For tickets email events@focusing-families.org for tickets.

Hempstead Little League’s 9th Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on Saturday, February 22, 2024, at the KC Hall. Crawfish will be served beginning at 5:00 P.M. and an auction will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Drawing of the Door Prizes:

The winners of the door prizes were Katherine Ward, Tanery, Kristelyn, and Gloria Koenning. A picture was taken of all the door prize winners.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 21st, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward _____

Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick _____