

Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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

Call to Order: President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:04 P.M. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at the Full Plate Restaurant.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: President Cheryl Hardwick gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Sign in Sheet: President Cheryl Hardwick asked everyone to please be sure and sign in on the attendance sheet.

Welcome Visitors: President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed all the members and visitors attending the meeting.

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

June Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to accept the May Treasurer's Report and a second was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Report on the HCCA Memorial Day Parade and Program: President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the Memorial Day Parade and Program was a great event. She thanked, Odis and Susie Styers with Styers Realty for sponsoring the event, the First Baptist Church of Hempstead for the hot dogs, chips, and drinks, and to all the volunteers that made the Memorial Day Parade and Program a great success. HCCA recognized Red Foster for his help with putting all his flags out at the gazebo, Susan Winfree for purchasing flags to give out to all the people that attended. We thanked our Waller County Commissioners, Judge Gary Chaney, Marcy Richard, Pastor Larry Gentry, and Lonnie Garfield for participating in the Memorial Day Program. Also, thanks went out to the Waller ROTC and to the Hempstead VF Post 4007, Scott Duncan and to Connie Englemann Commander of the American Legion Post 459 for helping with the Program. Thanks also went out to Francis Rodzen for taking care of the sound system for the Memorial Day Program. Gift baskets were presented to Red Foster, Susan Winfree, and to Francis Rodzen.

HCCA Donation to the Juneteenth Celebration: President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the HCCA had donated and presented a check of \$500.00 to the Juneteenth Celebration.

Hempstead Watermelon Festival: President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the dates for the upcoming Watermelon Festival will be on Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th, 2023. Sponsors and volunteers are still needed for the festival, along with BBQ Judges. Dustin Stanley stated that 40 judges would be needed for the BBQ Cook-Off, and you can go to the HCCA website to sign up as a judge.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the HCCA would be purchasing a float in the amount of \$15,000.00 from A-to-Z Rentals, Inc. and we will have the float in time for the upcoming Watermelon Festival.

Upcoming Local Events: President Cheryl Hardwick reported on all the upcoming local events, and they were:

*Chappell Hill 4th of July Parade – Tuesday July 4th, 2023, Downtown Chappell Hill – Time for the Parade TBA

*Round Top 4th of July Parade – Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, Downtown Round Top and runs along FM 237 – Begins at 9:00 A.M.

*Red, White and Free Festival – Bellville, Texas in Honor of David Tondera – Gates open at 5:00 P.M. at the Austin County Fair Grounds – Free Admission – Live Music by Mason Marek and Sundance Head – Parade, Games, Food, Face Painting Waterslide, and Fireworks

*Hempstead City Park Fireworks – Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, will begin at 9:00 P.M.

*Waller Freedom Fest – Monday, July 3rd, and Tuesday July 4th, 2023, with helicopter rides, food, arts, and craft vendors

*Waller County Summer Sew Easy Day Camp – July 14th, 2023 – Deadline to sign up is July 6, 2023, Open to all 3rd to 12th graders at the Waller County Extension Office

*Hempstead Watermelon Festival – Friday, July 14th and Saturday July 15th, 2023, Sponsors and Volunteers are Needed

*Family Fun Day at the Park – Saturday, August 5th, 2023, Hempstead City Park – Will be giving away backpacks and school supplies starting at 11:00 A.M. with free food and entertainment

Adjourn: A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher and a second by Treasurer Megan Avery to adjourn. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.