

Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

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

Call to Order:

President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:05 P.M. on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was done by Board Member James Garfield and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc.

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 February 2025 Minutes:

A motion was made by Secretary Katherine Ward and a second motion by Vice President to accept the February 2025 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

March 2025 Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Board Member James Garfield, and a second motion was made by Secretary Katherine Ward that we accept the March 2025 Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Recognize and Honor Damian Vega-Stephens with the Hempstead High School Band. ATSSB All State Band, 3rd best 3A Trombonist in the State. Also going to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble on Trombone in May:

The HCCA Board recognized and honored Damian Vega-Stephens with the Hempstead High School Band. He received the honor of the ATSSB All State Band, the 3rd best 3A Trombonist in the State. He will also be attending the Texas State Solo and Ensemble with his trombone in May. A gift basket was given to him from HCCA and a picture was taken.

Recognize and Honor Anahi Garcia with the Hempstead High School Color Guard on going to the MA Nationals with a Color Guard Solo:

The HCCA Board recognized and honored Anahi Garcia with the Hempstead High School Color Guard on making it to the MA Nationals with her color guard solo. A gift basket was given to her by HCCA, and a picture was taken. Hempstead Band Director Ronald Walker was also recognized for his dedication to the school district, and he was presented with a gift basket from the HCCA Board.

Presentation of a Donation of \$500.00 to the Waller AFJ ROTC Drill & Archery Team on their upcoming National Competition:

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the Waller AFJ ROTC always helping since it had started and always being present to help to put out the flags to line the streets of Hempstead, to march in the parade, and to post the colors at the Memorial Day Program. A donation of \$500.00 was presented to the Waller AFJ ROTC Drill and Archery Team for their upcoming National Competition. The check was presented, and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

HCCA Easter in the Park, Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Downtown Gazebo from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Need Volunteers:

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming Easter in the Park at the downtown gazebo on Saturday, April 5, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M. She stated that there would be free food, chips, and drinks donated by Hegemeyer Realty and Associates. She asked for volunteers that would like to help to please sign up on the volunteer sheet.

Cinco de Mayo Parade, Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at the Downtown Gazebo beginning at 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.:

President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the HCCA would team up again this year with the ST Katharine Drexel Catholic Church for their Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade and Celebration. The date is set for Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. The parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. and the celebration will go on till 6:00 P.M. at the gazebo park.

Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 26th, 2025, with a parade at 9:00 A.M. and the Memorial Day Program after the parade:

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Program to be held on Monday, May 26th, 2025. The parade will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the Memorial Day Program will begin directly after the parade at the downtown gazebo. We would love to see a large parade to Honor Our Fallen Waller County Veterans. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the volunteer sheet.

Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18th, and Saturday, July 19th, 2025:

The dates for the 35th Annual Watermelon Festival will be held this year on Friday, July 18th, and Saturday, July 19th, 2025. Preparations for the Watermelon Festival have been under way for months. We would love to have new volunteers for this year's Watermelon Festival. If you are interested, please sign up on the volunteer list.

HCCA Membership – Business Membership is \$100.00, Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$25.00:

President Cheryl Hardwick encouraged everyone to join the HCCA. Business memberships are only \$100.00, Non-Profits are \$50.00, and only \$25.00 for individual membership.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

Door Prizes Given:

The door prizes were donated by Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC. The winners were Jacqueline Saenz, Colton Waller, Dani Post, James Garfield, and Abigail Rodriguez. Thanks to Texas Premier Residential Services LLC for the door prizes.

Upcoming Events:

- Hempstead Police Department and Municipal Court Annual Meet and Greet on Thursday, April 17th, 2025, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the downtown gazebo with food, fun, and games.
- Mudbug Crawfish Boil Dinner & Auction on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the Waller County Fairground located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead beginning at 5:30 P.M.

- 10th Annual Demolition Derby on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at the Waller County Fairgrounds located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- Texas BBQ Throwdown for the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd at the Barbbque Store at 850 HWY 290 North, Hempstead.
- St Katharine Drexel Catholic Church Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, parade at 9:00 A.M. and the celebration begins after the parade till 6:00 P.M. at the downtown gazebo.
- Charlie's Angels Dog Rescue 7th Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Texas Thunder Saloon, located at 24960 FM 1488, Waller, Texas.
- Greater St Peter's Baptist Church Annual Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on Thursday, June 19th, 2025. The parade begins at 9:00 A.M. and the celebration continues at the Hempstead Ballpark.
- HCCA Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 26th, 2025. The parade begins at 9:15 A.M. and the program will start after the parade at the downtown gazebo with free hot dogs, chips, and drinks.
- Waller County Sheriff's Office & Ranch One One Five's 5th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament on Friday, June 20th, 2025 at the Westside Sporting Grounds located at 10120 Pattison Road, Katy, Texas.
- 35th Annual Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th, 2025. Need Volunteers.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Board Member James Garfield 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 6:42 P.M.

Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward_____

Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick_____