

**Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 19th, 2024**

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

**Call to Order:** Board Member Kenneth Pilcher called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, in the absent of President Cheryl Hardwick.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** The invocation was done by Jack Gibbs and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher.

**Welcome Visitors:** Board Member Kenneth Pilcher welcomed all the HCCA members and visitors present.

**Sign in Sheet:** Board Member Kenneth Pilcher asked everyone to please be sure and sign in on the attendance sheet.

**Approval of the October 2024 Minutes:** A motion was made by Secretary Katherine Ward and a second motion by Vice President to accept the October 2024 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Approval of the November 2024 Treasurers Report:** A motion was made by Secretary Katherine Ward and a second motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc that we accept the November 2024 Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Donation of \$1,000.00 to the House of Help:** The HCCA donated \$1,000.00 to the House of Help for their annual Toy Drive. The check was presented to Sid Chipman with the House of Help.

**Donation of \$1,000.00 to Focusing Families:** The HCCA donated \$1,000.00 to Focusing Families. The check was presented to Focusing Families Board Member Jackie Romine.

**Report on the Community Truck and Treat Event on Halloween at the Downtown Gazebo:** Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer reported that the Truck of Treat Event was a great event with the HCCA, the City and County, and other vendors being involved. It was a great turnout and an event for our community.

**Festival of Lights, Parade, and Tree Lighting:** Board Member Kenneth Pilcher talked about the upcoming Festival of Lights, Parade, and Tree Lighting to be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**HCCA Membership – Business Builder Membership is \$100.00, a Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$50.00:** Board Member Kenneth Pilcher 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:** Jack Gibbs talked about the Quilt Show that had been held at the KC Hall back on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**New Business:** Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer talked about the HCA Helicopter that will be coming to Hempstead soon and the upcoming Toys for Tots Event. The House of Help needs volunteers at the KC Hall to put the packages together. The date and time will be announced.

Jackie Romine with Focusing Families stated that they would be putting together baskets of food for Thanksgiving on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Sid Chipman with the House of Help stated that on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Joe's Italian Restaurant will be doing a Fund Raiser for the House of Help. Half of the proceeds of a meal will be donated to the House of Help.

#### **Upcoming Local Events:**

Hempstead High School Theatre Company – Performance on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the HHS Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. for “Of Mice and Men”.

Waller County Library – Family Ornament Take & Make, from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Pick up and return your ornament anytime from these dates at the front desk. All ornaments will be used to decorate the library's Christmas tree.

Waller County Metro 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run, on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at First Class BBQ, Hempstead from 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Live music, silent auction, and awards. Riders are \$25.00 and Passengers are \$10.00. For more information, please contact Misty Estes at 979-484-9731.

Waller County 4-H Bingo – Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Hempstead Recreation Center from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. located at 635 US 290 Business, Hempstead. Limited to the first 200 people. You must RSVP to 979-826-7651.

Solomon Family Thanksgiving Roping on Friday, November 29, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM359, Hempstead. Ladies Breakaway and Open Tie Down. For more information, please contact Larry Solomon at 281-455-9162. Gate admission is \$10.00.

City of Hempstead & Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association – Festival of Lights on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. There will be crafts, letters to Santa, cookies, and ornament decorating and more. Visit Santa, kid zone, food and craft vendors, entertainment with the Hempstead High School Band, parade at 6:00 P.M. and a tree lighting at 6:00 P.M.

**27. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church at 811 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas.

**29. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Treasurer Raul Villarreal to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

**Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick** \_\_\_\_\_