

**Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 16th, 2024**

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

**Call to Order:** President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:07 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16th, 2024, at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** President Cheryl Hardwick gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member James Garfield.

**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 to sign up for the door prizes.

**Approval of the September 2024 Minutes:** A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher and a second motion by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to accept the September 2024 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Approval of the October 2024 Treasurers Report:** A motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc and a second motion was made by Board Member James Garfield that we accept the September 2024 Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Honor and Recognize Keri Houston Principle of the Hempstead Early Childhood Campus:** The HCCA honored and recognized Keri Houston as the Principle of the Hempstead Early Childhood Campus for National Principal Month and a gift basket was given to her.

**Honor and Recognize Dr. Brittanee Shiflett Principle of the Hempstead Elementary Campus:** The HCCA honored and recognized Dr. Brittanee Shifflet as the Principal of the Hempstead Elementary School for National Principal Month. Dr. Shifflet was not present at the meeting.

**Honor and Recognize Erika Douglas, Principal of Hempstead Middle School:** The HCCA honored and recognized Erika Douglas the Principal of the Hempstead Middle School for National Principal Month and a gift basket was given to her.

**Honor and Recognize LaKesha Morgan Principal of Hempstead High School:** The HCCA honored and recognized LaKesha Morgan the Principal of the Hempstead High School for National Principals Month and a gift basket was given to her.

**Honor and Recognize Cheer Manager McKayla Houston:** The HCCA honored and recognized Cheer Manager McKayla Houston. She was not present at the HCCA September meeting when the cheerleaders were honored for being the Friday Football ever Kubota Cheerleaders of the week. A gift basket was given to her.

**Honor and Recognize the Homecoming King Eric Ramirez and Queen Ariana Salazar:** The HCCA honored and recognized Hempstead High School Homecoming King Eric Ramirez and Queen Ariana Salazar for 2024, and gift baskets were given to them both.

**Donation of \$500.00 to the Hempstead Lions Club:** The HCCA donated to the Hempstead Lions Club \$500.00 as a sponsorship for their upcoming Pancake Supper to be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the First United Methodist Church from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at 1010 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas. Lion Club members Judy Doyle, Anita Howard, Verna Neuman, and Lois Rafferty were present for the donation.

**Donation of \$1,500.00 to the Hempstead High School Band:** The HCCA donated \$1,500.00 to the Hempstead High School Band. The donation was accepted by Band Director Ronald Walker and some of the band students. The Hempstead High School Band will be performing in Branson, Missouri in June of 2024, and the donation will help to pay for the bus.

**Recognize Muddy Paws Pet Parlor a New Business that does all breed dog and cat grooming and boarding available. Open Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday by appointment only:** President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the new business Muddy Paws Pet Parlor in Hempstead. The owners were not able to make the meeting and HCCA will do a ribbon cutting for Muddy Paws Pet Parlor when it is best for the owners.

**Community Trunk and Treat Event on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:** President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming Community Trunk and Treat Event to be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at the Downtown Gazebo from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. The City of Hempstead, Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association, and the Waller County Offices will all be participating in the Community Trunk or Treat Event. There will also be a lady that will be giving away balloons that she makes.

**Festival of Lights, Parade, and Tree Lighting:** President Cheryl Hardwick 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. There will be no charge for non-profit organizations to have a

booth, and she talked about the tree, home, and business decorating contest and that cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places. Volunteers are needed for the event.

**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:** President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the House of Help needing dried cereal and they could drop the cereal off at the House of Help during business hours. She also talked about the House of Help needing a building to store the toys for the “Toys for Tots” toy drive. Principle Keri Houston stated that it might be possible to store the toys at the Hempstead Early Childhood gym. President Cheryl Hardwick will follow up with Sid Chipman from the House of Help.

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

- Muddy Paws Pet Parlor First Annual Halloween Costume Contest from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, with prizes awarded.
- Hempstead ISD Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Hempstead High School Competition Gym with free arts and crafts, games, activities, prizes, food and more.
- First United Methodist Church – Souper Salad Luncheon and Outdoor Market on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 1010 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas.
- Fall Classic Tournament is on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Hempstead City Park, at 250 Blasingame Road, Hempstead. Profits to benefit the Hempstead Little League. For information and registration please go to [www.hempsteadlittleleague.org](http://www.hempsteadlittleleague.org) or email Hempstead Fall [Classic@gmail.com](mailto:Classic@gmail.com).

- Texas Master Gardeners – A Presentation of Tree Care from the Williamson Tree Farm and RCW Nursery on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at the First Baptist Church of Hempstead at 445 Main Street, Hempstead, Texas.
- Cross of Christ Lutheran Church – Garage Sale on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 19361 FM 362 South, Waller, Texas from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with a silent auction, bake sale, and food booths.
- St Katharine Drexel Church Annual Bazaar on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 22892 Mack Washington Lane, Hempstead, Texas.
- Becoming Better Community Outreach on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Hempstead City Park, 250 Blasingame Road, Hempstead from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Waller County Fair Shoot Out Show on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds.
- Trick or Treat Halloween with the City of Hempstead, Waller County Offices, and the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at the downtown gazebo on Halloween, Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Jubilee Ranch Fall Festival on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at 33696 Jubilee Ranch Lane, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Fun for the Family.
- Hempstead Lions Club Pancake Supper on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church at 1010 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead.
- Knights of Columbus Quilt Show on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Columbus Hall at 22892 Mack Washington Road, Hempstead, Texas.

**27. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 19<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.

**28 Drawing for Door Prizes:** The door prize winners were Keri Houston, Brianna Rod, Ericka Douglas, Lois Rafferty, James Garfield, and Judy Doyle. A picture was taken of the door prize winners.

**29. Adjourn and Refreshments Served:** A motion was made by Board Member James Garfield to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M. and refreshments were served.

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

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