

Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Board Members: Cheryl Hardwick: Present	Melissa Hegemeyer: Present
Kenneth Pilcher: Absent	Megan Avery: Absent
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 6:05 P.M. on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

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 August 2023 Minutes: A motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to accept the August 2023 minutes and a second was made by Secretary Katherine Ward. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

September Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Board Member Melissa Hegemeyer to accept the August Treasurer's Report and a second was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Recognize Shyla Wells with the Brazos Valley 4-H Club for Winning First Place Record Book at State with Her Swine Project: President Cheryl Hardwick introduced and recognized Shyla Wells with the Brazos Valley 4-H Club on winning first place at State with her record book on her swine project. She will be going in the fall to Washington, DC to compete at Nationals. HCCA presented her with a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Recognize Tristan Allen for Placing First at the State UIL Contest and Competing at Nationals with His Beautiful Painting: President Cheryl Hardwick honored Tristan Allen for placing first at the State UIL Contest and for Competing at Nationals with his beautiful painting. Tristan was not present due to football and band practice. His Grand Mother, Helen Panetti, was present to receive his gift basket from the HCCA.

Recognize Leslye Gonzalez for Being the May Employee of the Month for the City of Hempstead: President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Leslye Gonzalez and honored her for being the May Employee of

the Month for the City of Hempstead. HCCA presented her with a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Recognize Kollye Kilpatrick for Being the June Employee of the Month for the City of Hempstead:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Kollye Kilpatrick and honored him for being the June Employee of the Month for the City of Hempstead. HCCA presented him with a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Recognize Emily Grennon for Being the July Employee of the Month for the City of Hempstead:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Emily Grennon and honored her for being the July Employee of the Month for the City of Hempstead. HCCA presented her with a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Recognize Kristopher Moore and His Family as the New Minister at the Hempstead Church of Christ:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced and recognized Kristopher Moore as the new minister at the Hempstead Church of Christ and his wife Bethany Moore. HCCA welcomed them to our community and presented the family with a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Presentation of a Donation in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to the Hempstead Athletic Booster Club:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced the Hempstead Athletic Booster Club President, Amy McCaffery, and their board that was present and the HCCA presented them with a donation of \$1,000.00 to the club and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Presentation of a Donation in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to the Hempstead Band Booster Club:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced the Hempstead Band Director, Mr. Walker, and their board that was present and the HCCA presented them with a donation of \$1,000.00 to the club and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Recognize Carla Carfora as the New United States of America's Miss Southwest for 2024: President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Carlo Carfora as the new United States of America's Miss Southwest for 2024. HCCA presented her with a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

HCCA Memberships: President Cheryl Hardwick encouraged everyone to become a member and it was easy to sign up. They can go to www.growhempstead.com and sign up. She stated that the HCCA membership for a business was only \$100.00, a non-profit organization is \$50.00, and an individual is only \$25.00. There are also forms available tonight if you would like to pay by cash or a check.

Festival of Lights for Saturday, December 9th, 2023: President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the Festival of Lights would be held on Saturday, December 9th, 2023. We will have vendors again and a nighttime parade. There will be a home and business decorating contest, and a tree decorating contest at the gazebo. Businesses can sponsor a tree and a non-profit group can decorate a tree. First place winners will be awarded \$100.00, second place winners \$75.00. and third place winners will receive \$50.00. Volunteers are needed and you can sign up tonight to help.

House of Help: President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the House of Help our local food pantry need dried macaroni and pasta, dried beans, jelly, peanut butter, and toilet paper. You can drop off your donations at 716 1st Street, Hempstead. She also asked for prayers for Sid Chipman. Mrs. Chipman had fallen off a

porch and broken one arm and on the other arm she broke her wrist. The donations need to be in one-pound bags.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Upcoming Local Events:

- First United Methodist Church – Family Fun Night – Every 2nd Wednesday of Each Month – 1010 7th Street, Hempstead, Texas, beginning at 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Enjoy a Family Time of Fun, Fellowship, and Food.
- Waller County Master Gardeners Association – Tree Sale begins on Friday, September 15th through Sunday, October 1st, 2023. Contact the extension office at 979-826-7651 for more information.
- Waller County Fair Parade will be on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. and the Theme This Year is “It’s Show Time. The County Fair Starts on Saturday, September 30th and Runs to Saturday, October 7, 2023, with a PRCA Rodeo.
- Chappell Hill Scarecrow Festival on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th, 2023, in downtown Chappell Hill, Texas
- St Katharine Drexel Church 23rd Annual Bazaar will be on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the Church Located at 800 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas with lots of Food and Games
- 8th Annual Hempstead Little League Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 21st, 2023, at Legendary Oaks Golf Course
- Ken Hucherson Memorial Friends Wishes BBQ Cook-Off on Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th, 2023, at the Waller County Fairgrounds. Money that is raised goes to grant wishes to children with critical illnesses at Make a Wish Foundation
- Bellville Celebrating 175 Years on Saturday, November 4th, 2023, around the historic downtown Bellville Square with live entertainment, history of the Bellville Square and children’s games.
- Vintage Market Days Presents “Let’s Go Girls” on Friday, November 10th to Sunday, November 12th, 2023, at the Waller County Fairgrounds
- Fourteenth Annual Knight of Columbus Benefit Quilt Show on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Columbus Hall in Hempstead, Texas from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- Waller County 4-H Presents – Senior Bingo Night on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Hempstead Recreation Center located at 635 US 290 Business, Hempstead, Texas
- City of Hempstead Fall Fest on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. with Music, Food, Fun Games, and Face Painting

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

Drawing for Door Prizes: The door prizes winners were Leslye Gonzalez, Cindy Manzanares, Maya Rutledge, Rachel Thibodeaux, and Brandina Wells. The HCCA congratulated the winners of the door prizes, and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Board Member Melissa Hegemeyer and a second by Secretary Katherine Ward that we adjourn. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M. and refreshments were served.