

**Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 24th, 2024**

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

**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, September 24th, 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 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 to sign up for the door prizes.

**Approval of the August 2024 Minutes:** A motion was made by Secretary Katherine Ward and a second motion by Treasurer Raul Villarreal to accept the August 2024 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

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

**Honor and Recognize the Prosperity Bank Employees for Volunteering at the Watermelon Festival:** The HCCA Board honored and recognized the Prosperity Bank employees Yessica Barcnas, Aurora Benitez, Carolina Hernandez, Carol Collum, Adriana Uvalle, Stephanie Rodriguez, and Daisy Ramero for volunteering at the Watermelon Festival. A gift basket was given to each, and a picture was taken.

**Honor and Recognize Prosperity Bank Employee Kerri Wilkerson for Handling all the Money and Deposits Brought in from the Watermelon Festival Royalty Contestants:** The HCCA honored and recognized Prosperity Bank Employee Kerri Wilkerson for handling all the money that comes in from the ticket sales and deposits made from the contestants running for Watermelon Festival Royalty. Kerri Wilkerson was not present at the meeting.

**Honor and Recognize Lainthia Stubblefield for Being the 2024 Hempstead ISD District**

**Elementary Teacher of the Year:** The HCCA honored and recognized Lainthia Stubblefield for being the 2024 Hempstead ISD District Elementary Teacher of the Year. President Cheryl Hardwick talked about Ms. Stubblefield having over 25 years of experience in education in her journey to becoming Hempstead Elementary's 2024 Teacher of the Year is a testament to her dedication, passion, and belief in her students. From starting as a filing clerk to becoming an educator who inspired with hands-on learning and compassion, where her "Fun Friday's" and personal connections with students fuel her success. Beyond the classroom, she is a quiet force, uplifting staff, students, and the community with her behind-the-scenes contributions. Ms. Stubblefield was given a gift basket and a picture was taken.

**Honor the Hempstead High School Cheerleaders for Being Selected as the Weeks Friday**

**Football Fever Kubota Cheerleaders:** The HCCA honored and recognized the Hempstead High School Cheerleaders for being selected as the Weeks Friday Football Fever Kubota Cheerleaders. The cheerleaders were Co-Captain Junior Ozaria Gillum, Co-Captain Senior Joselyn Calrera, Co-Captain Senior Nayeli Maranda, Captain Junior All American She'Quera Wolfe, Junior Oziria Gillum, Freshman All American Raeunna George, Junior Arianna Gillum, Senior Jennifer Arias, Sophomore Edi Woods, Sophomore Alexes Venegas, and Cheer Manager McKayla Houston. The Cheerleader Sponsor is Eunisa Ausby. Gift baskets were given to everyone and a picture was taken.

**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. She invited all churches, schools, and the community to get involved. There will be free food and drinks.

**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 award for first, second, and third places.

**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 great things for our community and our schools. We welcome everyone to become a member.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Upcoming Local Events:**

- Hempstead Theatre Company presents Charlotte's Web at the Hempstead High School Auditorium on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
- 2024. CPRA Finals are on September 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>. The County Events are Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, October 2, 2024. The PRCA Rodeo starts on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Waller County Fair Parade will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, beginning at 10:00 A.M.
- Big Boy No. 4014 Day on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 12:15 P.M. to 12:45 P.M. at Wilkins Street and the Railroad Tracks Downtown. The Largest Locomotive. Free popcorn, hotdogs, water, T-Shirts and Big Boy Bags. Sponsored by Hegemeyer Realty and Associations.
- Waller County Kids Day at the Fair on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. at the Waller County Fair at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.
- Waller County Senior Health Fair, Tuesday, October 1st, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. and a free lunch will be provided at 11:00 A.M.
- Hempstead ISD Fall Festival – Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the High School Gym with free food and drinks.
- 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 the 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.
- Becoming Better Community Outreach on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Hempstead City Park, 250 Blasingame Road, Hempstead from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 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.
- Knights of Columbus Quilt Show on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Knight of Columbus Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

27. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 15<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 prizes are being donated by Melissa Hegemeyer with Hegemeyer Realty and Associates, the Hempstead Garden Club, and Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services. The door prize winners were Alexandra Jimenez, Arionna Gillum, Melissa Johnson, Jennifer Arias, King Jingles, and Kamila Padron.

29. **Adjourn and Refreshments Served:** A motion was made by Treasurer Raul Villarreal to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Board Member James Garfield. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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

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