

Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Board Members: Cheryl Hardwick: Present	Melissa Hegemeyer: Present
Katherine Ward: Present	Kenneth Pilcher: Absent
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 6:05 P.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 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 May 2024 Minutes: A motion was made by Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer and a second motion by Board Member James Garfield to accept the May 2024 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Approval of the June 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 June 2024 Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Congratulates to Dave Shelburne for Winning City Council Position 1 and to Veronica Celaya Klausmeyer for Winning City Council Position 2 for the City of Hempstead: The HCCA Board recognized both Dave Shelburne for Winning City Council Position 1 and Veronica Celaya Klausmeyer for Winning City Council Position 2 for the City of Hempstead. Dave Shelburne was not present, and a gift basket was given to Veronica Celaya Klausmeyer from the HCCA Board.

Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for May 2024 for the Early Childhood Center Campus: The HCCA Board honored and recognized the Hempstead ISD Staff from the Early Childhood Center Campus for May 2024. The Teacher of the Month was Mallory Miller and Susanna Ramirez was the Support Staff of the Month. Mallory Miller or Susanna Ramirez were not present at the meeting.

Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for May 2024 for the Elementary Campus: The HCCA Board honored and recognized the Hempstead ISD Staff from the Elementary Campus for May 2024. The Teacher of the Month was Lainthia Stubblefield and Kimberly Lucherk was the Support Staff of the Month. A gift basket was presented to Lainthia Stubblefield from the HCCA Board and Kimberly Lucherk was not present at the meeting.

Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for May 2024 for the Middle School Campus:

The HCCA Board honored and recognized the Hempstead ISD Staff from the Middle School Campus for the month of May 2024. The Teacher of the Month was Jessie Trimboli and Adriana Conde was the Support Staff of the Month. A gift basket was given to Jessie Trimboli from HCCA and Adriana Conde was not present at the meeting.

Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for May 2024 for the High School Campus:

The HCCA Board honored and recognized the Hempstead ISD Staff from the High School Campus for the month of May 2024. The Teacher of the Month was Karon Neal and Vincent Murray was the Support Staff of the Month. A gift basket was present to Karon Neal from the HCCA Board and Vincent Murray was not present at the meeting.

Honor and Recognize Claire Sechelski for Participating in the CPRA Chisholm Trail Roundup Rodeo in Lockhart, Texas: The HCCA Board recognized Claire Sechelski for participating in the CPRA Chisholm Trail Roundup Rodeo in Lockhart, Texas and winning the Grand Champion Barrel Racing event with a time of 13.894. A gift basket was given to Claire Sechelski from the HCCA Board.

Honor and Recognize Texas A & M Graduate Kaelanne Quinonez as the Current 2024 Miss International Rodeo Queen USA: Kaelanne Quinonez was recognized as being the current 2024 Miss International Rodeo Queen USA. She talked about her journey and a gift basket was given to her by the HCCA Board.

Recognize the Waller County Library Summer Reading Program Adventure Begins Here with Librarian Dawn Waters: The Waller County Librarian Dawn Waters talked about the summer reading program called "Adventure Begins Here" to the crowd. A gift basket was given to her from the HCCA Board.

Recognize the Greater St Peter's Baptist Church for their 24th Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024. Annette Baker from the St Peter's Baptist Church talked about the upcoming 24th Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration and thanked the HCCA for their donation for the celebration.

Recognize Becoming Better Community Outreaching: HCCA recognized the members of the Becoming Better Community Outreaching group. Jay Lewis and Taylor Lewis talked about the outreach program being a ministry for the people that desire to help others to become better in every area of their life. Each member was given a gift basket from the HCCA Board.

Recognize the House of Help with Sid Chipman: Sid Chipman with the House of Help talked about the House of Help's upcoming food give away for Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, and the donations that were needed to fill their pantries. A gift basket was given to Sid Chipman from the HCCA Board.

Recognize the Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park with Park Representative Joe Grandstaff: Joe Grandstaff with the Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park talked about all the upcoming events at the park for the summer months and the new construction that has been added to the park. A gift basket was given to Joe Grandstaff from the HCCA Board.

Recognize the New Business Mister Sparky with Jeffrey Sauer: Jeffrey Sauer the new owner of the Mister Sparky talked about the electrical services that are offered by Mister Sparky and their new location is at 224 10th Street in Hempstead. A gift basket was given to Jeffrey Sauer from the HCCA Board.

Report on the HCCA Great Ideas Speaker Series and Social Event: President Cheryl Hardwick gave a report on the HCCA Social Event that had been held. Hempstead EDC Director Ramiro Bautista, PH.D. also talked about the event and thanked those for coming.

Report on the HCCA Memorial Day Parade and Program: President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the Memorial Day was a success, and she thanked the ROTC, Red Foster, the parade

committee, and all the volunteers that had helped with the event, and the First Baptist Church of Hempstead for donating the water, hot dogs, and chips for the Memorial Day Program.

Hempstead High School Class of 1974's "50" Year Reunion: President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the Hempstead High School Class of 1974 upcoming "50" Year Class Reunion scheduled for Saturday, August 10th, 2024. The Class of 1974 is inviting all Bobcats that graduated from 1970 to 1979 to attend.

34th Annual Hempstead Watermelon Festival: President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming Watermelon Festival to be held on Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th, 2024.

She talked about all the events for the weekend, announced the entertainment, and asked for volunteers.

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.

No HCCA Monthly Meeting in July Due to the Watermelon Festival: President Cheryl Hardwick stated that there would not be a HCCA July monthly meeting to do it being the same week as the Watermelon Festival.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Upcoming Local Events:

*Waller County Library – Summer Reading Program Adventure Begins Here – Begins June 4th and last day to sign up is Monday, June 24th, 2024. Located at 2331 11th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

*Greater St Peter's Baptist Church 24th Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024. The Parade begins at 10:00 A.M. and the celebration is from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Hempstead City Park at 250 Blasingame Road, Hempstead, Texas.

*House of Help June Food Give Out – Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at 716 1st Street, Hempstead, Texas.

*Becoming Better Youth Council – June 20th, 2024, Waller Meeting at 3108 Washington Street, Waller, Texas from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M at the Waller Pregnancy Center. Contact Chadwell at 979-997-2230 or Jay Lewis-Brooks at 832-643-8191.

*RCR Rail Company Ribbon Cutting – Friday, June 21, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at the RCR Hempstead Logistics Rail Park, at 23639 Hwy 6, Hempstead, Texas. Please RSVP at marketing@mcalisterassets.com.

*Cy-Hope Waller Grand Opening Celebration – Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at 1210 A Street, Waller, Texas. A new community center serving families with free food, snacks, bounce houses, face painting, kid's crafts, and a live band.

*Location Six Brunch and Vendor Market - Bubbly, Brunch, Brews and Shopping Too – on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at 2316 Main Street, Waller, Texas.

*Boy Scout Pack 1699 BBQ Fundraiser – Order forms are due by Monday, June 24th, 2024, and briskets will be available for pickup or delivery on Saturday, June 29th, 2024.

*Texas Private Pesticide Applicator License Training – Friday, June 28th, 2024, at the Waller County Extension Office at 846 6th Street, Hempstead, Texas from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

*Waller County Quarterly Beef and Forge Luncheon – Friday, June 28th, 2024, at the Waller County Extension Office at 846 6th Street, Hempstead, Texas from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. with a catered lunch included.

*Waller County Fairgrounds American Cutting Horse Show – Saturday, June 29th, and Sunday, June 30th, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas from 9:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

*City of Hempstead 4th of July Celebration – Thursday, July 4th, 2024, at the City Park located at 250 Blasingame Road, Hempstead, Texas at 9:00 P.M.

*Waller County Fair Bingo – Friday, July 12th, 2024, at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas beginning at 7:00 P.M.

*Emergency Management Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, July 16th, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. at the Hempstead Rec Center at 635 US 290 Business, Hempstead, Texas. Hosted by Brian Cantrell and Frank Rodriguez.

*Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Canning Class – Friday, July 19, 2024, at the Waller County Extension Office at 846 6th Street, Hempstead, Texas from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*34th Annual Hempstead Watermelon Festival – Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th, 2024, in downtown Hempstead. On Thursday, July 18th, 2024, the carnival will begin at 6:00 P.M. with Family Night and will be open through Saturday night at midnight. Friday night begins at 6:00 P.M. with the Corn Hole Tournament and the dance begins at 7:00 P.M. with the Brown Sugar Band. The parade and the food and craft vendors begin on Saturday at 9:00 AM. The Queen’s Coronation will be at 10:30 A.M. Live entertainment throughout the day with Chris Rybak, watermelon growing contest, watermelon games, BBQ Cook-off, car show, and quilt show. Saturday nights entertainment is Matthew Menke at 7:00 P.M. and Nashville Star Glen Templeton at 9:00 P.M.

*Waller County Crime Stoppers Fundraiser – Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, at 22892 Mack Washington Lane, Hempstead, Texas at 5:30 P.M. Honoring Law Enforcement and First Responders.

*Hempstead High School Class of 1974’s “50” Class Reunion on Saturday, August 10th, 2024, at the 2K Reserve at 26260 Nelson Road, Hempstead, Texas. Contact Cheryl Hardwick at cheryllanncarter1974 for more information.

*Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Park Upcoming Events. Located at 34843 Betka Road, Waller, Texas.

June 21st to July 4th, 2024, Stars, Stripes, and Campfire Nights

July 5, to July 18th, 2024, Tropical Bearadise

July 19 to August 1st, 2024, Christmas in July

August 2 to August 11th, 2024, Under the Sea

August 16th to August 18th,2024, Peace, Love, and Boo Boo Weekend

August 23rd to September 22nd, 2024, Super Duper Heroes

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 20th, 2024, 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 were donated by Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC. and the Hempstead Garden Club, and Hegemeyer Realty and

Associates. The winners were Tim Chipman, Julie Sechelski, Crystal Krivacka, Gloria Koenig, Joe Grandstaff, and Jeffrey Sauer.

Adjourn: The HCCA meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

A motion was made by Secretary Katherine Ragston Ward and a second by Board Member James Garfield to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M. and refreshments were served.

Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward_____

Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick_____