

CHRNA General Meeting for 09/19/24

CHRNA President Damian Arocho called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. We had 16 members and 1 resident guest who attended. That included 3 board members; President Damian Arocho, Vice President Walt Ledbetter, and Secretary Jenny Smith. Damian presented the minutes from the July 2024 meeting to all present for approval. Those present were asked if there were any additions or corrections that needed to be made. Ken Rodd motioned to accept the minutes, and Raul Luna made a second motion to accept the minutes, with all in attendance in favor.

Damian presented the treasury report. After treasury report was given Marie Carr made a motion to accept the report, Jenny Smith made the second motion, and all in attendance were in favor to accept the minutes.

- General Fund \$2,398.71
- Blessing Box \$214.27
- Benevolent Fund \$3,411.80

Vice President Walt Ledbetter presented the membership report. We have gained 1 voting household in the neighborhood since August 2024. Our current status of voting homes is up to 35. Our goal is to have 50 of our resident homes be able to vote. * We need more block ambassadors. We only have 9 block ambassadors in our neighborhood, and we have many more streets than that. It is easy to be a block ambassador. You just need to be there to answer questions about the neighborhood, and memberships. All that information is on our website, and you will be given the information you need when you sign up.

- Damian wanted to let those know that need service hours for school, that there will be plenty of opportunities coming up to help out in our neighborhood with lawn care, leaf cleanup, entrance cleanup, etc. We as The CHRNA Board are asking that if you need some small projects that a teen can do, such as lawn mowing, or leaf pickup, contact Damian or Walt so we can get a list together for those needing service hours. Also, if you have a friend or family member that needs service hours, we may be able to help them, but we want to open this up to our CHRNA residents first.
- Walt is offering leaf clean-up on weekends. He will rake and mulch on site. If you want the mulch for your garden or whatever, he will gladly let you keep it, but if you want it hauled off, he will do that as well. Just contact him via the CHRNA website and email, and he will get back to you.
- Commissioners Court will be held Tuesday, October 1st, and again October 29th. As of the meeting there was nothing on the agenda about the road project for Crownwood. There is an open forum beforehand and President Damian Arocho, Stan Smith, and Frank Vitale plan on attending Commissioners Court to bring up our road project and if we are still getting the funding if necessary.
- CHRNA member Marie Carr had suggested that we have the information for the CHRNA HOA available in Spanish as well, since we do have a number of Spanish speaking residences here.

She has noticed many on her street are Spanish speaking only, and she has no way of communicating the HOA information to them. Damian is going to look into having some of our important information about our Crownwood Neighborhood available in Spanish.

- Ken Rodd asked if we could stop using the 50/50 raffle ticket sales for the Benevolent Fund. He understands that the ticket sales also go to the General Fund. He believes the process and form asks too much information about why the person is in need of the money, and he doesn't think the Benevolent Fund has been utilized. Damian explained that the application itself is lengthy so that true need can be determined and corrected the idea that it is not benefitting anyone, because it has, in fact, been used. The Benevolent Fund is open to CHRNA members who have been a member for at least 6 months, and can provide the information as to the catastrophic loss. Ken asked if we could put a motion at the meeting to end the Benevolent Fund. Damian and those in attendance came to an agreement that we as the CHRNA Board would put it up for vote on the ballot at the November meeting.
- Stan Smith with the COP team gave us an update on the crime in our neighborhood and surrounding areas, as well as dates for COP training. Our crime has spiked some in the past 30 days, but mostly for small minor things. The most serious crime was a car burglary. After the meeting date, we have had mailbox break-ins again. We had 12 of the 17 COP members at the meeting. We really need more residence to help out and become COP members. Classes are a few hours long, you do not interact, just report on what you see; call the Bexar County non emergency line at 210-335-6000, Option 2. Anyone can call in something suspicious to that number, but when you state your name, and you are a COP member, they seem to be more vigilant on acting on the call. Stan was saying you can be part of the COP team and be members like Jenny Smith and her husband. They are always outside working from home, so they are the eyes and ears of their street, and when they drive in and out of the subdivision. It's that easy to be part of the COP team. You can do as little or as many hours a month as you would like.
- The next COP training class is scheduled for September 21st at the West Substation in Southwest San Antonio. The class after this will be much closer, at the Northeast Substation off of Rocket Lane on Wednesday, November 13th from 6PM-9PM. Contact Stan Smith or Frank Vitale if you would like to sign up to attend the next class or if you want more information about becoming a COP team member.
- There are some concerns that have been brought up to Stan, Frank and Damian. One being a big RV that is parked on the road on Skyline Ridge. It is not being lived in, and it has been called in and reported. The RV is not in any violation of codes or laws, but the owners know it is causing problems for those that live on Skyline Ridge. The owner is looking into a safe and close place to permanently park and store it. Levi Shaw has posted many videos of crime happening in our neighborhood of suspicious vehicles lurking around and then speeding off when they see him approaching. Damian asked if that video footage could be used to report or cite a vehicle doing wrong such as making a left hand turn from lower Serene Ridge onto Crestway. Stan and Frank said they would take it as evidence that these things are happening and place them in the report so if the vehicle was caught by Police for something else, they would have record of it, but they could not give the vehicle a citation just from a video. Hopefully the residences have noticed a lot more BCSO presence in the neighborhood and on Crestway in the past month or so. We as

board members and most of those members at the meeting have noticed. A majority of the police presence is undercover cars. We have Ken Rod to thank for the presence and his persistence to Captain Roach for the help of keeping Crestway Road and Crownwood a safer place.

- Damian presented and reminded those in attendance that our next meeting will be our Silent Auction. The proceeds from the auction go to help our General and Benevolent Funds. He also mentioned that it is the meeting we have for voting for Board Members, and on the status of the Benevolent Fund. You have to be a member of CHRNA to vote, but you do NOT have to be a member to attend any of the meetings or the Silent Auction. If you would like to run for any of the Board positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Block Ambassador Coordinator, you must be a CHRNA member, in good standing and have attended at minimum of 2 meetings this 2024 calendar year. If you would like to run for one of the Board positions the forms will be posted on the crownwoodsubdivision.com website with further information on eligibility. The nomination period runs from October 1st through October 31st.
- We have our annual Trunk-Or-Treat coming up October 26th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Upper Serene Ridge entrance.
- Silent Auction/last General Meeting for 2024 is November 21st from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the American Legion Post 593 in Converse, Texas.
- Senior Ladies Coffee is October 17th, and December 19th
- Bulk Trash pickup for Republic customers is November 4th. Have items out no later than November 3rd.
- 50/50 Raffle sales is the 3 Saturday's prior to the General Meeting at the upper Serene Ridge entrance. Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th.
- Light Up Crownwood Decorating Contest entry deadline is December 7th at 5:00pm. Forms will be available on the Crownwood website starting in November.
- ❖ 50/50 Raffle winner was Vicki Forehand and was awarded \$70. The total pot for 50/50 raffle sales was \$140. We had door prizes donated by Walt Ledbetter and Jenny Smith.
- With no more questions or comments, Jesse Dominguez motioned to end the meeting with Vicki Forehand making a second motion, with all in attendance in agreement to end the meeting at 8:04pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

❖ 2025 CHRNA Election Period

Nominations for office will be accepted from October 1st through October 31st. Must be a member in good standing, having attended two (2) meetings prior to October 1st.

❖ Trunk or Treat

October 26th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM ****Upper Serene Ridge Entrance**

❖ Silent Auction and General Meeting

November 21st from 6:30PM to 8:00PM at American Legion Post 593
Converse, Texas ****Donations being accepted now**

❖ Bulk Trash Pickup For Republic Customers

November 4th-8th *Have items on the curb by Nov. 3rd for guarantee pickup.

❖ Senior Ladies Coffee

October 17th and December 19th

❖ 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales

The 3 Saturday's prior to the General Meeting at the Upper Serene Ridge entrance.

November 2nd November 9th and November 16th

❖ Light Up Crownwood Decorating Contest

Entry Deadline: December 7th at 5:00PM