# CPAAA General Meeting February 13, 2020

#### CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen Luepke called the February 13,2020, meeting of the CPAAA to order at 5:55 pm. She offered many thanks to Grace Union Church for so graciously allowing CPAAA to use the church facility for our meetings and for the Officer of the Year Celebration that was to follow our meeting. Sgt. Zac Sigler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:** Present were President Kathleen Luepke; Vice-president Michael Bamvakais; Treasurer Michelle Beech; Corresponding Secretary Kim Hummert. Recording Secretary Jean Larkin was excused. In her place, member Marci Potter took the minutes. There were 80 members and 8 police officers in attendance at the meeting.

**Financial Audit Report:** Earl and Linda Juelf's letter regarding their audit of our finances was read. They declared our books to be balanced and correct. Thanks were expressed to our former Treasurer, Norma Fogelbach, for doing such a good job.

**Treasurer Report:** Current Treasurer, Michele Beech, gave her report. We currently have a balance of \$3,383.87 in our Treasury.

**Membership:** We have 119 paid members as of this date.

#### PRECINCT REPORTS

**Affton Southwest (3<sup>rd</sup>):** Captain Webb reported that PO Mike Costa is no longer serving as NPO. She introduced PO Eric Tripp as his replacement. Eric has served in Affton for 12 years.

Precinct Crime reports include recent catalytic converter thefts, though a suspect has been identified. Precincts 3 and 4 have been working together in this area.

Warm-up thefts are also on the rise as cold weather leads people to leave empty vehicles running to warm them up. PR signs have been posted in key locations, social media messages have addressed the problem, and several arrests have been made.

With regard to the new precinct building, soil tests have been done and some adjustments are being made. Captain Webb hopes that ground-breaking will be this spring.

**South County (4<sup>th</sup>):** Captain Schneider and Sergeant Sigler gave the crime report, which is in sync with the 3rd precinct.

A Citizens Police Academy will be held at Grace Union Church this spring. They will meet for 8 weeks on Monday nights at 6:00 pm beginning March 23. The final week, graduation will be held on a Thursday, May 14, in conjunction with the CPAAA General meeting. The first day that the Citizen's Police Academy was advertised, there were 50 applications. The cutoff was at 60

applicants, but if current members have a neighbor or someone special that would like to have a chance to be in the class, let PO Matt Kappler or Sgt. Sigler know.

## **OFFICERS OF THE FIRST QUARTER 2020**

**Affton Southwest:** Officer Dominic Vitale was introduced for Officer of the Quarter. He graduated in June 2019 and is assigned to Precinct 3. He handled an investigation of a shooting at a business on October 28, 2019. After much investigation, warrants were issued for the arrest of the suspect on January 31, 2020. Officer Vitale was presented with a check for \$100 and a plaque.

**South County:** Officer Andrew Topolski was named Officer of the Quarter. A former marine, he has been with the precinct for 3 years. He has made many arrests and has given medical assists as needed.

### **VOLUNTEER PINS AWARDED**

Karen Hernandez, Volunteer Chair, distributed volunteer pins to those with 15 or more volunteer hours in 2019. Names called included:

1.	Eileen Anthony
2.	Mike Bamvakais
3.	Michelle Beech
4.	Joe Buffa
5.	Mary Ellen Cox
6.	Joan Edleson
7.	Al Faulstich
8.	Elfriede Faulstich
9.	Norma Fogelbach
10.	Linda Gartner
11.	Barb Hehmeyer
12.	Ginny Heitert
13.	Bernice Hernandez
14.	Karen Hernandez

16. Earl Juelfs
17. Linda Juelfs
18. Jean Larkin
19. Kathleen Luepke
20. Barbara Lynch
21. Larry McDaniel
22. Bob Needham
23. Marci Potter
24. Carol Pritchett
25. Barb Puckett
26. Virgie Rogers
27. Mark Seigel
28. Larry Tiemann
29. Lisa Trueman

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

15. Kim Hummert

Marci Potter, Substitute for Jean Larkin, Recording Secretary

**Following the General Meeting,** the 2019 Officers of the Year were awarded. The awards went to PO Jamie Partee of the Affton Southwest precinct and to PO Matthew Longworth of the South County precinct. Congratulations to both winners and kudos to the event's Committee who did a fantastic job of arranging and serving food, collecting gifts for the winners, and handling all the other details of the Celebration! They were Eileen Anthony, Elfriede Faulstich, Norma Fogelbach, Linda Gartner, Jean Larkin, Kathleen Luepke, and Mark Seigel.

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