

CPAAA General Meeting, November 11, 2021

Refreshments 6:30 pm; Dues collected and Christmas party tickets sold during this time.

Meeting called to order 7:00 by Larry McDaniel, Vice President.

Grace Union Church

Present: 3 Police Officers, 65 members including board members:

Ray Absolon, Tony Dittman, Dan Schroeder, Carol Pritchett, Joan Edleson, Kim Hummert,
Linda Gartner, Kathleen Luepke, Larry McDaniel, Marci Potter, Karen Hernandez, Julia Kozuszek

Agenda:

1. Ray Absolon lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Larry McDaniel acknowledged and welcomed all new CPAAA members and all veterans in attendance.
3. Reading of minutes from previous meeting was waived.
4. Volunteer and Cheer reports presented by Karen Hernandez: She thanked Kathleen and others who helped her out during the past months when she was not able to carry out her normal duties. She reported that she had sent two cards. She also announced that after 15 years as Volunteer Coordinator she was stepping down. Larry thanked her for her years of service.
5. Julia gave the Treasurers Report. The barbecue on October 16 netted us over \$1800, and our balance at this time is right at \$6600.
6. Website report was waived as Jim Fesler was not in attendance.
7. Bob Needham reported on CPAAA merchandise for sale: He has moved to a new supplier, and prices are a bit higher, reflecting the higher cost.
8. Refreshments report: Linda Gartner thanked those who brought goodies and offered new members the chance to sign up to provide snacks at future meetings.
9. Christmas party report was given by Barb Puckett. The party is December 2 at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road. Cash bar at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.
10. Linda Gartner handled introductions and directions for the annual election. She offered thanks to past officers and directors, explained how nominees were recruited, explained that Barb Hehmeyer had withdrawn from running for a Director position, and asked Dale Flanakin, nominee for President, to say a few words. Dale explained that he is a lifelong Affton resident, thanked the South County police for their service over the years and said he views being president of CPAAA as a chance to pay back. As president he will welcome feedback from members.
11. Kathleen reported for Elf Faulstich on the October 16 barbecue at Christ Memorial Church. The Men's club there has most graciously chosen CPAAA repeatedly as recipient of the proceeds of the barbecue. This year CPAAA received \$1847.
12. Ballots were passed out. Members voted, and ballots were collected.
13. Precinct reports, combined, offered by Ray Absolon: Car thefts continue to be a major problem. Lock your cars! Catalytic converter thefts are surging once again, even from cars broken down on the highway. These people are carrying guns. Do NOT confront them! Call/911. People filling their tanks at gas stations are also being targeted for quick thefts of purses and billfolds left on the seat of a car with the front door left open. These thieves are fast! Guns are also

being stolen from cars. They should be secured, making them hard to steal and hard to fire, but thieves break car windows and make off with belongings left inside. If there is nothing for these people to steal, they typically leave and do not return. Ray said to make it hard for thieves to get anything. Keep garage doors closed. The police are participating in a Toys for Tots drive at the Grants Farm parking lot on 11/27 from 11 to 2. Grants Farm is no longer owned by Annheiser Busch, and he said to look for some upgrades in entertainment there as a result of the new ownership. Members asked some questions – if a gun in someone's car is stolen, does the owner of the gun get in trouble? The answer was no. Someone commented on drag racing/speeding vehicles. Ray said its been a problem for as long as he has been on the force. When the police show up, the speeding stops! Someone asked if the department is short staffed, and the answer is yes. They are shy 12-13 officers in all the precincts, and they will be trying mandatory 12-hour shifts starting in north and west counties. There is no requirement for covid vaccinations, but testing is required. Final issue discussed was that the department keeps track of where cars are being stolen and where they are being abandoned.

14. Results of the election were announced: President-Dale Flanakin, Vice President-Larry McDaniel, Treasurer-Julia Kozuszek, Corresponding Secretary-Kim Hummert, Recording Secretary-Marci Potter. Directors elected: Kathleen Luepke and Joe Buffa.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Marci Potter, Recording Secretary