

CPAAA General Meeting

Grace Union Church

May 9, 2024

Refreshments 6:30 pm; General Meeting **Call to Order** at 7:02 by Larry McDaniel, President.

Present: 55 total, including Board Members: Larry McDaniel, Joe Buffa, Kim Hummert, Marci Potter, Normal Fogelback, Dennis Doerge, Linda Gartner, Karen Hernandez and Carol Pritchett and including 9 officers.

Larry McDaniel lead the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Precincts report:

Shawn McGuire, reported for both precincts that while crime is down 20% from 2023, residential crime is ongoing, and the department could use help from the public. He repeated the warning from last month not to approach suspicious individuals, but to get license plate numbers and call 911. There has been a drop in stolen vehicles by 40-50%.

There was a question from the floor regarding traffic on Lindbergh 2 weeks ago. Officer McGuire indicated there was high volume of traffic due to car groups in the area.

He extended an invitation to all of CPAAA to attend an open house at the 3rd precinct the evening of June 10th at 6 p.m.

Officers of the Quarter:

Officers of the Quarter were presented: Jerry Ball, Precinct 3, was presented his plaque and check by CPAAA Board Member, Linda Gartner. Precinct 4's Michael Aitch was presented his awards by CPAAA Board Member, Karen Hernandez.

Program:

The program was handed over to Detective McCain, Individual Criminal Investigator, for a discussion on how to avoid being scammed.

He touched on:

- Checks and checkbooks: don't carry your checkbooks with you! Checks have routing numbers and account numbers, and criminals can use them to help themselves to your money. Check washing is not as prevalent now as it was recently but that crime is forgery, and forgery cannot be investigated outside of the county.
- Use debit and credit cards (or your phone if you have your credit cards in your electronic wallet, but don't put debit cards on your phone.)
- Set up alerts on your accounts, and if there is activity that is not yours, report it immediately.
- Don't carry your social security card with you! It belongs in a safe.
- AI, Artificial Intelligence, used in conjunction with phone calls, can sound like a child or grandchild whom you might be tempted to help because they are in trouble. If they request a money transfer or a wire transfer for out of country, it's likely a scam call.

- There was a question about gas pump skimmers. There is less of this particular crime at this time than there used to be, but pay attention! Don't use a pump with stickers on it that show the seal has been tampered with.
- He suggested avoiding ATMs in general, suggesting using the driveup at the bank or going inside for cash transactions.
- Because there are companies whose data has been breeched, any of us could experience credit woes from that activity. Check your credit report every year!! Check all of them to identify spurious information. Also check your retirement accounts every year.
- Gift cards can easily be tampered with.

Minutes:

Minutes from the last meeting were dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report:

Norma reported a beginning balance of \$9,312.38, deposits of membership dues, and Officer of the Quarter expenses. Current balance is \$9,237.38.

Volunteer Report:

Membership Report:

Membership is at 57 members plus 3 more who paid their dues at the meeting.

Website Report:

Jim Fesler was introduced as our Website Administrator.

Announcement:

West County – the 7th District – is holding a Citizens Police Academy at the end of February. Larry encouraged members to tell interested friends and neighbors about the academy.

Motion from the Floor:

Joan Edleson moved that CPAAA purchase a microphone and accessories so that all future meetings will have a sound system available.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 8:05. Next meeting will be May 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Marci Potter, Recording Secretary