CPAAA General Meeting

Grace Union Church

March 7, 2025 (rescheduled from February 13, 2025, due to inclement weather)

Refreshments served at 6:30 pm; General Meeting Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm by Larry McDaniel, President.

Board Members present: Larry McDaniel, Joe Buffa, Noma Fogelbach, Janis McCracken, Elfriede Faulstich, Dennis Doerge, Carol Pritchett, Kathleen Luepke, Karen Hernandez, Bob Slama and Dale Flanakin.

**Third Precinct Report**

Lt. McGuire provided an update on crime in the 3rd precinct. He noted that overall crime was down compared to 2024. Crime was also down last year so this is a very nice trend. They did note an increase in car thefts as cars were being left unattended while warming up during the colder months. He also provided an update on the 6 bronze mausoleum doors that were stolen from Mt. Sinai Cemetery. One door was located in a scrap yard in Jefferson County, but the other five remain missing. The investigation continues.

Lt. McGuire also let us know about the formation of a Mobile Precinct. This is a group of specially trained officers that travel to areas that are short-handed or have a need for additional resources. They determine their areas of concentration on a week-by-week / month-by-month basis.

**Fourth Precinct Report**

Lt. Noonan noted that the crime trends are similar in the 4th precinct with overall crime being down. They did have a group that were breaking into cars. They were confronted by a paper-delivery driver in the Summit Knolls apartments. The driver wound up being pistol whipped. He cautioned all not to confront suspects; please just call 9-1-1.

**Officer-of-the-Quarter Presentations (First Quarter, 2025)**

Third Precinct: Lt. McGuire introduced Amanda Holben as the 3rd precinct’s Officer-of-the-Quarter. She is currently the School Resource Officer at Lindbergh High School. He noted many of her accomplishments and her care for her students. Officer Holben is currently on light duty as she was recently injured breaking up a fight at school. Larry McDaniel presented Officer Holben with a plaque.

Fourth Precinct: Lt. Noonan presented Officer Carl Crimi as Officer-of-the-Quarter for the 4th precinct. He listed many of his accomplishments as well as his dedication to his fellow officers. Officer Crimi is a training officer who even makes himself available when off duty. Larry McDaniel presented Officer Crimi with a plaque.

As the organization’s checkbook was not available at the meeting tonight, both officers were issued I.O.U.s for $100 each.

A huge thank you goes out to Lt. Colonel Jim Schneider, Commanding Officer, Division of Patrol, for joining us at tonight’s meeting to see his officers receive these honors.

**Program / Guest Speaker**

We were pleased to welcome Chaplain Chris Summer to our meeting. Chaplain Summer is the head of Campus Wellness at Lutheran South High School and currently serves as one of the Chaplains for the St. Louis County Police. There are approximately 20-25 Chaplains in the department. It should be noted that they are not police officers and they work as volunteers. They are not armed.

The Chaplains represent various religious denominations. By far, their main function is to ride with the officers and create relationships with them. They get to hear their stories and form bonds with the officers. It takes many conversations with the officers to make them feel comfortable enough to call them when they have a need. Chaplain Summer said he looks at his role in three ways: (1) an ear to listen; (2) a shoulder to cry on; and (3) an arm to punch.

On rare occasion, the Chaplains do respond to calls. Most of the calls involve children, including the death of a child. Other types of calls may include death notifications, natural disasters, barricaded subjects, funerals (particularly for retired officers.) He is not there to preach; he is just there to offer care and comfort. He may, at times, ask if they want to pray if he sees an overt sign of their religion.

He closed with a story about a visiting family who had their car and all their belongings stolen while they were shopping at Walmart. He offered shelter and care to the family until their ride came about four hours later.

**New Business**

A warm welcome was extended to the new CPAAA members joining us at this meeting.

Hardee’s / Heat Up St. Louis: CPAAA purchased 100 biscuits at their Rise N. Shine event on Valentine’s Day which benefitted the Heat Up St. Lous charity. 50 biscuits each went to the third and fourth precincts. This is a win/win event. We make a charitable donation and the officers get fed! As a trial run this year, 8-10 of our members also participated in person at the Hardee’s location on Lemay Ferry. We wore aprons and shook cans for additional donations for about an hour. Over $1 million was raised for the charity and all the money stays here locally. We are considering making this an annual event.

Elfriede Faulstich announced that we will again be participating in the barbeque at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in July. There will also be a bake sale.

The organization sold our old speaker system and purchased a new sound system. It includes lights, radio, dual microphones as well as other features.

**Old Business**

Minutes: A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from our last meeting was made, seconded and approved. The minutes can be found on our website at [www.cpaaasouth.com](http://www.cpaaasouth.com).

Pizzas and salads were supplied to the officers at both precincts on Halloween. We are considering making this an annual event.

A huge thank you was given to Terri Ems for serving as our refreshment coordinator for the past few years. Elfriede also asked that we keep Terri in our prayers. She is stepping down from this position and we are searching for someone to take over this responsibility. Elfriede Faulstich offered to work with someone if anyone wants to volunteer to assist. Please see Elfriede after the meeting.

Treasurer’s report: Our opening balance was $7,541.51. We had income from membership dues of $105 and expenses of $100 for Hardee’s biscuits resulting in a final balance of $7,546.51 as of 3/6/25.

Membership report: Our current membership stands at 126 members. Norma Fogelbach would be happy to pass this duty off to someone if anyone is interested.

Officer-of-the-Year Committee: The Committee collected $1,150 in gift certificates from area businesses. The Officers received their awards at our Christmas party. Each officer received $400 and $575 in gift cards. Acknowledgement for their hard work was given to Elfriede Faulstich and Dennis and Sue Doerge. Great job!

Larry announced that Vice President Joe Buffa and his wife were recently inducted into the Italian Sicilian Club on The Hill. This is quite an honor.

Website: Jim Fesler asked if anyone knows of inaccuracies or needed additions to the website to please let him know. We want to ensure that the site is accurate and up to date.

Larry McDaniel made several announcements regarding the 7th precinct. They will be hosting a Citizen’s Police Academy class beginning Tuesday, April 1st. It will run for 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, they will be holding a trivia night to benefit their Explorers program.

The meeting concluded at 7:49 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis McCracken, Recording Secretary