

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
January 14, 2015

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Past President	Robert Wisian - P
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill - A-
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Dennis Smith - P
Board 1	Carl Pardinek - P
Board 2	Norman Toungate - P
Board 3	George Vanderhule - P
Board 4	Jimmy Brown - A

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Ruth Bullock to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting as written, Second by Jeff Rodman.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 626 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 362 members, 65 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 15 Honorary Members and 8 Associate Members. We dropped 38 members this week due to non-payment of dues.

4. Reports of Committees-

Benevolent Committee – Jeff Rodman –

Gary Fleming's father, James V. Fleming, passed away on 11-13-14
Russell Forester's widow, Hazel Brackston Batey Forester, passed away 11-16-14
Pete Bonilla's father, Andrew Zavala Bonilla, passed away on 12-5-14
Bill Warren's father, Carol "Mike" Warren, passed away on 12-8-2014
Dave Smith has been in and out of the hospital, fighting cancer
David Crowder is once again fighting cancer issues
Former Officer Danny Gratten passed away on 12-31-14
Jeff Rodman had pacemaker surgery

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone

2015 Social - The Social will be on 4-19-15, at Texas Disposal System Exotic Game Ranch, 11508 Carl Road, Creedmoor, at TDS Pavilion. We will start meeting at Noon, food served around 1:30pm (Or a little sooner if they get it ready to serve). This is an APROA function so there will be no cost to APROA Members and one of their invited guest. Additional guest will be \$10.00

Legislative/Retirement Committee – Pete Morin –

President Tommie Haffelder addressed the membership about the conference call we had with Pete Morin.

Mark Harkrider (Lobbyist for APRS) spoke to the members about legislation that he was tracking and Bills they were trying to kill.

Andrew Romero address the members and took questions about issues and condition of the Retirement System

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross –

APA was going to sponsor a day at the park for police this summer.

There are a higher than normal amount of retirements as the APRS is looking at Permissive Service. Purchases

APA was going to change board meeting days so that they could attend the APRS Board Meetings.

Jeff Olsen said that other associations were looking at investing vs interest on savings- the reason was to build up a large legal fund to fight lawsuits/legal issues on contracts

Most APA Community Outreach would be addressed through the Cops for Charity (C4C)

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone Copies attached to minutes.

Attached you will find our current 2015 report & a 2014 Year End report

Motion made by Robert Wisian to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Dennis Smith.

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

5. Communications and Bills –

Christmas card for the Austin Police Retirement System

Thank you letter from Hospice Austin

Thank you letter from Special Olympics Hays Dragons

Thank you card from American Cancer Society

Christmas/Thank you card from Betty Collins

Christmas card from Robert Wilhite

6. Unfinished Business –

Winnie Project – Jim O’Leary gave an update on the project indicating it is almost complete. They are currently working on getting the old house torn down.

Peace Officer Memorial Project at the Capitol – May 4th - Deliver water to Color Guard teams. Assigned to Elizabeth Merrill, she was not present at the meeting.

7. New Business –

Retirement Board Issues – Address under legislative report

Door Prize - Nolan Meinardus

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Dennis Smith to adjourn, Second by Norman Toungate.

No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer