

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
January 13, 2016

1. Roll Call of Officers

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Emile Mailloux to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting as written, Second by Ruth Bullock.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

4. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 663 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 379 members, 73 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 17 Honorary Members and 6 Associate Members.

5. Reports of Committees-

Benevolent Committee – (Ruth Bullock/Felicia Williams-Dennis) –

James New's father, Luther New, passed away on 11-13-15

Bobby Sides' wife, Alice Sides, passed away on 11-14-15

Hank Grimm, Retired APD Civilian, passed away 11-16-15

Sheldon Salisbury diagnosed with Alzheimers and Prostate cancer - 12-17-15

Lt. Kris Thompson passed away 1-2-16

Mike Phillips' brother, Pat Wayne Phillips, passed away 1-6-16

Bill Ligon on 12-5-16 was admitted to St David's South with medical issues

Janice Hall, Earl'd widow, passed away 1-6-16

Robert Hernandez passed away 1-8-16

Carole Keeton was injured in a fall, still recovering

Will Swinney is in hospital, should be released soon.

Bill Ligon was released from hospital

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone - We have booked out 2016 Social event for Sunday, 4-24-16. We will have the event at the Creedmore Community Center which is located at 12511 FM1626 in Creedmore. We will send out more information soon. We are

inviting the Retired APD Civilians to join us and we have a limited mailing list for them. If you have contact with a retired APD Civilian and they are not getting e-mail updates from us, please ask them to contact Randy Malone

Legislative/Retirement Committee –(Pete Morin) – No report

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross –

APA is going back to 9MM, which is be a cost savings to the department by way of cheaper ammo and the weapons having a longer life span.

APA will start working on their 2017 bargaining issues and included will be Health care and Pension issues.

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone- End Year 2015 report and current 2016 Budget attached to minutes.

Motion made by Jeff Rodman to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Liz Merrill.

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills –

Thank you note from the New family

Thank you card from the Jarrell family

Thank you cards from the Sides' family

Christmas card from Austin Police Retirement System

Christmas card from Betty Collins

7. Unfinished Business –

Jimmy Brown was not present for the meeting but sent a report on the progress of the Circle C Park which he has been working on to get it dedicated to Don Carpenter. Jimmy reported that the Chief's office had missed the last two meetings where the issue was discussed with the Circle C committee and questions could not be answered in regards to cost so the issue was tabled.

8. New Business –

Steve Alexander from Alexander Financial Management, gave a short presentation and introduced E3 Wealth, a local compnay who will be working with him so we have a local compnay in the Austin area for members to contact. If you are a CLEAST member, this is a free service which you may want to take advantage of in regards to Social Security options and Drop and Prop funds.

APA PAC – Our membership voted in 2015 not to form a PAC and we have since been supporting the APA PAC with their endorsements. We are also working to find a way members, who care to support the APA PAC with funds can do so with a small monthly donation by setting up a Pal Pay account or a bankdraft system members would want to use. More information will follow. Like in all cases it takes money to get into office and it takes money to stay there and we need to support those who support us.

Open Carry - Tommie Haffelder spoke to the group about the open carry law and planned to contact the Chief in reagrds to his policy on open carry regarding Retirees who also have a CHL.

Tommie also advised the members he had contacted the Chief in regards to the 40 Calb handguns they would be offering to the active officers and asked that any left over could be offered to the retirees. Tommie indicated there would be a limit of one per retiree if approved.

A.J. Johnson made a short presentation to the members about his run for Constable Pct. 3. A.J. is endorsed by the APA PAC.

Brandon Watson from California Casualty made a presentation to members about the insurance benefits offered by California Casualty. His compnay is endorsed by CLEAT and is one of the benefits offered to Retirees through the CLEAT Retired Association. If you shop your auto insurance around each year when it is about to expire, add California Casualty to the list of companies you get a bid from.

Door Prize - Gene Meziere

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Jeff Rodman to adjourn, Second by Norman Toungate.

No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer