

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
July 14th, 2021

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	George Vanderhule - A
Past President	Tommie Haffelder
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill - A
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone
Sgt. at Arms	Baby Ruth Bullock - A
Board 1	Gary Rosch
Board 2	John Sisson
Board 3	Dennis Farris
Board 4	Jimmy Brown

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Pendergrass to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting as written, Second by Dennis Farris.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

4. Membership report: (Est: May 9, 2003, 234 Retirees when formed)

Of the current 941 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership, that we know of, we have 569 members, 117 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 17 Honorary Members and 9 Associate Members.

New Lifetime Member(s) - William Dupre

5. Reports of Committees-

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

James "Rick" Trussell passed away 5-14, 2021

Lt. Kris Thompson's mother, Sharon Ann Golden, passed away 5-30-2021

Retired APD Civilian Arnold "Arnie" Thomas Carbary passed away 6-10-21

Captain Freddie Maxwell's daughter, Jacqueline Maxwell, passed May 12, 2021

Mac Cutler's stepson, Brandon Cole Moore, passed away

Chris Walker had kidney surgery

Earl Dannheim passed away 7-3-2021

Former Officer Gary Buchanan passed away 7-4-2021

Buddy Myers – Former D.A.'s Office – passed away.

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone -

We are booked for Saturday October 23, 2021 at the Creedmoor Community Center, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoor, Texas 78610, for our next Social. We are inviting the Retired APD Civilians to join us and as always, the event is free to Members, APD Retired Civilians and one guest each. Additional guest will cost \$10.00. We do not have a complete listing of all Retired APD Civilians so if you have contact with some, make sure they know about the event and if they are not getting our e-mails, ask them to contact Randy Malone (512-658-0692 / randy@randymalone.com). **RSVP Deadline for the Social – 10-15-2021**

Retirement Committee – (Carl Zimmerman) –

Pattie Featherston addressed membership and stated our Retirement Bill had passed and had been signed by the Governor. This creates a two-Tier Retirement Plan. All new hires starting January 2022 will be in the new plan.

Legislative – (Dennis Farris) - No report

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross – No Report

Social Media Committee – (Dennis Farris) – No Report

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone – Reports attached

Motion made by Pendergrass to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Sisson.

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills –

Thank you card from Betty Collins

Thank you letter from St Judes for donation for Charlene Lynette Peyton

(MeeMaw) McKinnon, Tony Hipolito’s Mother-in-Law

Thank you card from Gary Rosch

7. Unfinished Business – None

8. New Business –

Dennis Farris - Update the “Save Austin Now” petition drive. They are trying to get 21,000 signatures (they currently have around 11,000 signatures) on a petition for the November ballot to force the Council to adopt a City Ordinance that would require the City to staff APD at pre pandemic levels and to force the City to staff APD at 2.5 officers per 1,000 population.

The APA and CLEAT are contributing \$10,000 each and have asked if the APROA could contribute as well. According to the State Ethics commission and IRS rules for tax exempt organizations the APA (and APROA) can contribute directly without having to use PAC funds. The APA and the APROA can contribute directly because it does not endorse a specific candidate and the donated funds would directly benefit all of their members. In our case it would also directly benefit our members because the required staffing would create more revenue to our retirement system.

George Vanderhule, who is not present today, recommended the APROA donate \$5,000.00 to “Save Austin Now”.

Motion made by Dennis Farris to donate \$5,000.00 to Save Austin Now PAC, Second by R. Gross
Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote.

Phil Suitt - Convention of States presentation - Bill Ely gave a presentation to the Convention of States, and Article 5 of the US Consitution. - Conventionofstates.com

Members were reminded that this is an election year and nominations would be taken at the September 8, 2021 meeting.

Door Prize – Keith Burt

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Dennis Farris to adjourn, second by Zimmerman.

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote

Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer

