

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
May 11, 2022

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Dennis Farris - P
Past President	George Vanderhule - A
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill - A
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Baby Ruth Bullock - P
Board 1	Gary Rosch - P
Board 2	Calvin Smith - P
Board 3	John Sisson - P
Board 4	Joe Munoz – A

Justin Berry (Austin Officer running for Texas HD19) addressed membership looking for volunteers May 15 – 20th to work voting locations.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Keith Harrison to accept the minutes of the march 8, 2022 meeting as written, Second by Haffelder.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

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

Of the current 1005 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership, that we know of, we have 589 members, 124 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 17 Honorary Members and 10 Associate Members.

New Lifetime Member(s) Andrew Kos – 3-28-2022

Larry Biegert – 4-7-2022

We have a Nomination to allow Roland Barber to join the APROA as an Associate Member. Motion made by Xavier Martinez to approve Roland Barber's Nomination, second by Don Mayes.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

5. Reports of Committees-

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

Gene Blomstrom's son Dale Eugene Blomstrom passed away 3-12-2022

Steve Shedd heart attack, had surgery recovering at home

Retired SPO John Noetzel in hospital after suffering a heart attack

William (Bill) Whitaker passed away 4-11-2022

James Bixler (Retired APD Civilian – Forensics) passed away 4-16-2022
Ernie Hinkle has been in and out of hospital over past several weeks due to medical issues.
David Carter passed away 4-22-2022
Charles Johnson Passed away 5-3-2022
Leonard Flores passed away 5-3-2022
Harlan Scales passed away 5-4-2022

Entertainment Committee – (Randy Malone) -
No report at this time.

Retirement Committee – (Carl Zimmerman) –
Pattie Featherston, Tyler Link and Mark Harkrider – present)

Legislative – (Dennis Farris)
Dennis Farris reported the Grand Jury process as well as laws regarding the DA were being looked at to see what changes could be made.

APA Liaison Committee – (Robert Gross) – Robert Gross reported the APA Contract Negotiations had started and is expected to be presented early 2023.

City of Austin Benefits Committee - (Liz Merrill & Gary Rosch) – Rosch reported the Committee has had no meetings for the past 2 months. He did indicate we were looking at a possible 8% increase in health benefits, and possibly a Medicare Advantage coverage by 2024.

Membership Committee – Board members still working to contact and update information on all APD Retirees

Social Media Committee – (Dennis Farris) – No report

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone – Reports attached

Motion made by Sisson to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Zimmerman.
Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills –
Thank you card from Marva Murray family
Thank you card from Norris McKenzie family

7. Unfinished Business –

Re-Write the Constitution and By-laws (John Sisson) – Last re-write 2011

8. New Business –

Dr Jonathan Sheinberg Heart health – Dr Sheinberg did a presentation which should make every Retiree and Active Officer schedule an appointment to get their heart checked out, if they have not already done that.

According to Dr Sheinberg police officers have a 56% higher chance of a heart attack than any other occupation. He also indicated officers had a life expectancy 22 years less than the General Public.

Jerry Staton- DA issues – With the recent indictments of officers many were concerned about the Travis County DA and discovered it is very difficult to get rid of a District Attorney. Changes to laws regarding a D.A. and other legal actions that may be taken were being looked at.

Mounted Patrol – New Location and programs – Baby Ruth reported the APD Horse Patrol now had a new home located in Cedar Creek, TX on Hwy 71. She also indicated they were hosting an event and were looking for volunteers. More information to be sent out to members in e-mail.

Catering for May 11th meeting provided by Ishtel Heating and AC & 512 Boutique Events (Becky McMillian)

Door Prize – Calvin Pierce

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Rosch to adjourn, second by Mayes.

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote

Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer