

July 8, 2009 General Membership Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Past President	Robert Wisian - P
Vice President	Henry Tomlin - P
Secretary	Liz Merrill - A
Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Ernie Hinkle - P
Board	Bill Whitaker - P
Board	Norman Toungate - A
Board	J. W. Thompson - P
Board	James Paap - A

****Taken out of order: Chris Perkins – APA PAC Chairman – Brother Perkins gave members information about having a PAC , along with the penalties associated with a PAC and invited a representative from the APROA to sit in on their meetings. In the last City Council elections they were 5 for 5. Current officers put 13% of their pay into the system and the city contributes 18.63. In 2013 the city will add an additional 3%.

The membership discussed the issue of a PAC and at this time no action was taken

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Brother Tomlin to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting as written, Second by Brother Whitaker.

Discussion – none

Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 444 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership 294 members have paid their 2009 dues. In addition we have 18 Honorary Members and 2 Associate Members.

4. Reports of Committees-

Benevolent Committee – Jeff Rodman –

Officer Russell Franklin Overheu passed away

Johnetta Ellison had brain surgery, doing OK but has to schedule another surgery soon

Travis Koehler passed away

Frank Miller's daughter, Beckie Miller-Ikner, was seriously injured in a drowning

Retired Hospital Officer Jack Burkes' wife Ruth passed away.

Honorary Members, Don & Betty Collins are still have medical issues

Jerald Brinkkoeter had foot surgery, is recovering well

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone –

Once again we have planned a Fish Fry for our members at the Manchaca Fire Hall, Sunday Oct. 4th. We will start meeting at 1pm, with food being served at 2pm. The meal will be free for APROA members and one guest. Additional guest are \$11.00 each.

Legislative Committee – Pete Morin – No report

Motion made by Brother Wisian to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Brother Keene.

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

5. Treasurer Report - Copies attached to minutes

Motion made by Brother Tomlin to accept the Treasurer's report, Second by Brother Hinkle.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote

6. Communications and Bills –

Request for a donation from the Arthritis Foundation, filed away until the December meeting.

7. Unfinished Business –

Lifetime dues – Steve Nichols – Brother Toungate was not present at this meeting and we are waiting for information from him in regards to Lifetime Dues.

8. New Business

Funeral Notification – In the event of the death of a Retired Officer we need a contact person to make sure the APD Color Guard is aware of the death. The APROA contact person is Liz Merrill. A retired officer has the right to all honors given to an active officer who dies with the exception of a 21-gun salute. It was not clear at the meeting that if the retired officer was a Veteran, would the Color Guard work with the military in regards to a 21-gun salute.

Election Year:

All Board positions come up for elections this year. Our Constitution lays out the procedure for nominations and elections as follows:

A. Nominations for all positions set to expire at the next November meeting shall be nominated for their positions at the regularly scheduled September meeting. Nominees who cannot be present at the September meeting to accept the nomination must, prior to the September meeting, submit a letter stating their desire to accept the nomination to the Secretary.

T-shirt design – Do you have a design for a t-shirt for the APROA? We are planning now, for the day our members may be asked to show up in force at an event. This could be a city council meeting where they are talking about cutting health benefits, a political event where a pro-police candidate, supported by the APA needs a show of police to help their election or a charity event the APROA is working to help.

If you have a design you would like to submit, please e-mail it to Randy Malone, malone@bga.com or if you can not e-mail it call him at 512-658-0692.

Brother Ernie Hinkle stated he had been by to visit Jim Fealy, Retired APD, who is the Police Chief in Highpoint, N.C.. Brother Hinkle stated Fealy is doing well and asked that anyone passing by the area to stop by for a visit.

Door Prize drawing – Won by Con Keirse

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Brother Whitaker to adjourn, Second by Brother Burt.

No discussion.

Approved by voice vote

Liz Merrill – Secretary (By Randy Malone)