

Austin Police Retired Officers Association  
General Membership Meeting  
July 12,2017

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 Tounge - P
Board 3	George Vanderhule - P
Board 4	Jimmy Brown - P

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Tim Smith to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting as written,  
Second by Emile Mailloux.

Discussion – None / Approved by voice vote.

4. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 722 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 476 members, 80 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 18 Honorary Members and 8 Associate Members.

5. Reports of Committees-

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

Ellen Carpenter Stevenson passed away 5-12-17, widow of fallen Austin Police Officer Donald Carpenter (End of Watch 01/30/1964) mother of Honorary Member Cheryl Carpenter

Tom Stribling passed away 5-29-17

Evelyn Davis had neck surgery on 6-1-17 – doing well

John Bushrow's son, John "Colt" Bushrow, passed away 6-2-2017

Joe Medearis, Retired Civilian, passed away 6-5-2017 (nothing sent, never received any information)

Active APD Detective Michael Rhone's mother, Marjorie Rhone, passed on 6-25-17.

Detective Manny Solis passed away 6-26-2017

Active APD Detective Sabrina Nichols - recovering from surgery.

Robert Mauck's father, Robert Arvene Mauck Sr. passed away 7-6-17

**Entertainment Committee** – Randy Malone - No plans at this time

**Legislative/Retirement Committee** – (Carl Zimmerman) – No report

**APA Liaison Committee** – Robert Gross – Robert discussed topics of the APA meeting one of which could effect the Retirement System. In the Special Session SB1 would be one of the bills to watch. This Bill would limit tax rates which could limit how many officers could be hired which could slow the recovery of the retirement system.

Motion made by George Vanderhule to accept the Committee Reports, Second by H.G. Hodge.

Discussion –None / Approved by voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills –

Thank you card from Carpenter family

Thank you letter from Shirley Barrett regarding Parole denial for Cop Killer

7. Unfinished Business –

8. New Business –

Wayne Vincent – Cop Line

Cook Walden – Dignity Memorial, which includes Cook Walden, offers a Organization Agreement which has benefits, including a 10% discount on all services for members and their family members. Over the past year over 80% of the death notices we sent out indicated the use of a Dignity Funeral Home and it is the only Funeral home which is Nationwide. Members discussed issues families they they had knowledge had with Cook Walden as well as if this would open the door for others to ask us to enter into agreements with them.

Motion made by Randy Malone to enter into an Organization Agreement with Dignity Memorial.  
Second by Baby Ruth.

Discussion –None / Approved by hand vote.

Steve Ramsey talked to members about the Blue Line Bass Club which is open to all First Responders.

APA President Ken (Box) Casaday reported that 40 police units had been pulled due to carbon monoxide issues and it appears one officer would lose his site due to exposure to carbon monoxide.

Defensive Driving – Randy Malone indicated we were trying to put together a course for Retirees who were interested in taking the course for the insurance discount. Retiree Mark Gil, who is an instructor, offered his services. More information will be sent out soon.

APROA Nominations at September Meeting - Tommie Haffelder advised members that he did plan to run again but asked members to think about stepping up and serving on the Board, if not this year sometime in the future.

Door Prize - Baby Ruth

9. Adjournment

Motion made by George Vanderhule to adjourn, Second by Dennis Smith.

No discussion. / Meeting Adjourned

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Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer