

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
November 4, 2015

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Past President	Robert Wisian - P
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill - A
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 - P

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Robert Wisian to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting as written, Second by Dennis Smith.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

4. Membership report:

Of the current 654 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 432 members, 70 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 17 Honorary Members and 6 Associate Members. We have 344 who have paid their 2016 dues

Gene Meziere nominated Bob Deceaser, Retired Austin Airport Police, as an Associate member and discussed his career in law enforcement.

Moion made by Gene Meziere to accept Bob Deceaser as an Associate member, second by Scott Cary.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

5. Reports of Committees-

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

Harold Moe was hospitalized for testing

Manley Stephens passed away on 9-10-15

Carl Barho's mother, Dorothy Inez Barho, passed away on 10-11-15

Donnie Williamson was hospitalized with ruptured apendix, released 10-18-15

Bull Bilberry is recovering from recent knee surgery

Ernie Shugart is recovering from a recent heart attack

John Townsend's father, Rev. John Townsend passed away on 10-27-15

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone - No dates yet for 2016 Social – still waiting to lock in a location?

Legislative/Retirement Committee – Pete Morin – No Report

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross – No Report

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone- Current 2015 report and proposed 2016 Budget attached to minutes.

Motion made by George Vanderhule to accept the proposed 2016 budget, Second by Ruth Bullock.

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

Motion made by Norman Toungate to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Steve Pendergrass.

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills –

Thank you card from Howard Staha family

Thank you note from the Barho family

7. Unfinished Business –

Don Carpenter Project – Jimmy Brown updated the membership on the progress being made to get a park named after Don Carpenter, a request which was brought to the board by Bobby Sides who was shot the night Don Carpenter was killed in the Line of Duty. Jimmy is working with a Home Owner's group who own a number of private parks so we would not have to deal with the Austin City Council to get this done. Jimmy stated he and a member of the Home Owner's Group had met with the Chief who gave them his support on the project.

8. New Business –

City Benefits - Karen Haywood – discussed changes to the City benefit plan and reminded members that they did have to sign up this year. Spouses who smoke and do not attend the Smokers Sensation Class will have to pay an additional \$25.00 per month in 2016. The Class is free to attend.

Social Security - Valery Maercklein to talk about Social Security Administration and when it is the best time to sign up for SS benefits. She indicated that everyone should be signed onto the SS web site and to check your earnings every year as due to the process used to load this information from one program to another, many mistakes were being made. She indicated they also had a Social Security calculator on the site where it could give you an estimate of how much you would get in benefits.

Door Prize - Kermit Schernik

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Norman Toungate to adjourn, Second by Dennis Smith

No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned