

# NORTH TEXAS CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2016

The meeting began at 10:02 a.m. with the introduction of Richardson's Chief Jimmy Spivey by Officer Roger Steinman. After the Chief's welcome, the program was presented by Meghan Zuraw, JD, the North Texas Outreach Manager of the Texas Regional Office of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

This is a non-profit, non law enforcement organization that was co-founded by John Walsh and his wife and is engaged in helping endangered and exploited youth. Among other things, we learned that there is no waiting period for reporting a missing child, and no child ever ages out. In 2014, 466,000 children were reported missing nationally, 46,354 in Texas, and over 10,000 in the DFW area. Many things are being done to combat this problem. The organization has many Trainings and Presentations available.

The meeting was called to order by President Antonia Rodriguez for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag at 12:13 p.m. and got under way following lunch at 12:39 p.m. We welcomed Emily Jacobs as a new member. Anita, our seldom seen webmaster, was present and directed that if we have any suggestions we should let her know. Her contact information will be on the website.

Three new 2016 officers were sworn in: 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Training – Butch Lindsey, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Communication – Mark Brazelton, Sgt. At Arms – Abu Baba.

VP Lindsey reported that the following training opportunities are available:

- Crime Prevention III March 14-16 in Farmers Branch

- Our regular meeting March 17 on Legal Updates at the same location

- Our regular meeting April 21 on Trending Social Media in Ft. Worth

- Our regular meeting in May in Paris, Tx

- Our regular meeting in June in Coppell

- The summer conference in July in Montgomery, TX

- Crime Prevention I Sept 15-19, 2016

There may be a SEPTED III study session at the Farmers Branch Community Ctr. Meeting locations and information regarding training may be found on our website.

VP Snellgrove reported that our total membership at the end of 2015 was 184; to date our 2016 membership is 143.

VP Brazelton reported that he is a VP in the state organization and the term is Jan 1 through December 31 with no grace period.

There was no secretary's report.

The Sgt. At Arms is responsible for McGruff. We plan to get two McGruffs ready to check out.

Treasurer Chris McCaslin reported that we have \$7,096.30 in checking and \$27,798.01 in Savings. At the March meeting we need to get a committee to audit the books for 2015. Chris will prepare packets for the auditors: David Whitaker, C.J. Crawford, and Buck Justin volunteered and were accepted as auditors.

Vickie Stonaker reported that we are currently looking at two facilities for hosting the 2017 conference: the Omni in Farmers Branch and the Hyatt in Richardson. Anyone wanting to help with the conference should notify Vickie.

George Clark of the "Members Only" Committee stated that we need to arrange with the facility to have two or three more rooms because we will be having four classes at a time.

Lita Snellgrove of the TCPA Awards Committee announced that the deadline for submitting applications for awards is in MAY. We need to nominate our organization and all our cities and all programs.

It was reported that the 2016 winter conference was great; the training was awesome with classes offered only one at a time. Due to the timing and dates, it was suggested that our usual Thursday night banquet be moved to Thursday at noon so that more people would attend. Soon Chris will send out applications for scholarships to this summer's conference.

The state board of TCPA has two offices available: Mark Brazelton's position and one other. We need to think about nominating candidates for these positions. Mark could help the new person. The State organization will pay the hotel bill for board members.

The Training Advisory Committee advised that SEPTED can now be taken out of 1-2-3 order. As of this summer they must be taken in order.

Adjournment moved by Chris McCaslin and seconded by Linda Barnes; passed.

Alice Isbell, Secretary