

NORTH TEXAS CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 17, 2016

The meeting began at 10:08 a.m. when 1st VP Butch Lindsey introduced Areli Hernandez and Libby Woolverton from the Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center (DARCC) who presented a program on sexual assault. Their goal is to help law enforcement on college campuses. They have a 24 hour hotline and are working with high and middle schools teaching about relationships. Their services are free and they are located next to a DART station. This is the only organization focused on sexual violence. The ladies distributed business cards with the hotline telephone number (972-641-7273) for us to share with anyone we might know who has been the victim of sexual assault.

After a short break, the program continued at 11:03 a.m. with information regarding statistics, prosecution, time served, victims, procedures, etc.

Following lunch (barbecue from a local restaurant) President Antonia Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m. Treasurer Chris McCaslin announced that "right now" is the deadline to submit applications for scholarships to the summer conference. Several were submitted.

[At this point someone brought both (noisy) inflatable McGruffs into the room; both are taller than the door to the room. Turning off the noise causes the blow-ups to collapse.]

The following were welcomed as new members: Curtis Garrett from Paris P.D., Michael Reyes and Adrian Gonzales from El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

It was announced that in order to stay in the algorithm and get notices, it is necessary to "like us" on Facebook. Members can post activities on our Facebook.

Antonia announced that 2nd VP Lita Snellgrove has resigned her position. David Whitaker has been appointed as Membership VP; the oath of office was administered. It would appear that Lita will stay as an ex-officio helper and advisor.

The minutes were deferred. They will be posted; next month we'll vote to approve.

Treasurer Chris McCaslin reported that 16 people completed the CPTED class.

Our April meeting will be at the Trinity River Campus of Tarrant County College in Ft. Worth. The subject will be social media. The May meeting will be in Paris and the speaker will be the game warden regarding livestock. June will be in Coppell; July at the summer conference; August in Bedford; and September needs a location for a program on highway safety. October will be in Flower Mound, and November will involve Active Shooter training at the Police Academy in Irving. The December tradition will continue on December 1 at Babe's in Carrollton.

Lita and David announced that our membership is now 150.

Treasurer Chris McCaslin issued a Treasurer's Report showing \$11,173.56 in the checking account as of March 15, 2016, and \$27,807.95 in the Money Market account as of February 29, 2016. He has prepared packets for the audit committee and the audit can be completed before the next meeting.

Abu announced that two McGruffs are here; he'll have one cleaned. Anyone needing to borrow one can let him know. We need to bring items to give away as door prizes.

If there is a speaker we're aware of or a program we'd like to see, we should notify Butch at butch.lindsey@bedfordtx.gov.

May 15, 2016, is the deadline to apply for awards from the state to be awarded at the summer conference. Use email to submit the app. Print it off, fill it in, and email it back. For help see Lita Snellgrove or Donna Beck.

For the conference, the hotel is out of our rooms. Anyone interested needs to call soon to get the \$110.00 rate. The hotel may be able to give us another block of rooms.

In the state (TCPA) organization there are two positions available: Membership VP and Secretary. Leslie Willingham is applying for the secretary position; David Whitaker is applying for the VP. At the conference, we need to campaign for our candidates.

The drawing was held for the six scholarships for the TCPA summer conference, and these are the winners: Emily Baker, Ann McSwain, Chad Caldwell, William Tinkle, Jerry Hamon, and Mike Reyes. The two alternates are George Clark and Chris McCaslin. The scholarships are for the registration fee; there is no coverage for transportation or the hotel. Hotel rooms can be shared.

Other business: We have expelled a member from the association. At the winter conference one of our members stole an iPad. Last month the executive board voted to expel her. [Chris read his letter to her.] The only reason we are mentioning this now is because of her request to be reinstated, and she requested that her appeal be put on the agenda. Today she emailed Chris that she would not be able to attend; could she be put on next month's agenda? We checked with the State and they ruled NO! It would be today or not at all. Eric Flynn moved and George Clark seconded that the membership uphold the board's findings. Motion carried.

Chris McCaslin moved and Butch Lindsey seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Alice Isbell,
Secretary