



Citizens Police Academy Alumni

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Clarksville Montgomery Co. Public Library

September 26, 2024

Members in Attendance

Josh Beal	Gene Downing	Svetlana Figueroa	Shonday Hall
Judson Hall	Judy Keppeler	Talia Koeser	AC Lopez
Lori Mason	Silvi Mize	Christopher Monhollen	Darla Tillman
Irving Tillman	Bill VanBeber Jr.	Kathy Vogt	Mike Vogt

Members in Attendance (by Zoom)

Renee Bruens
Donna Henderson-Hoyt
Sheila Thompson

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of the August Meeting minutes – Correction of the spelling of Shonday Hall's first name (made). Motion to accept made by Kathy Vogt, second made by Gene Downing. Unanimous vote to accept. Motion passed.

Approval of the August 31, 2024, Special Called Meeting minutes – motion to accept made by Mike Vogt, second by Judson Hall. Unanimous vote to accept. Motion passed.

Approval of the August Treasurer's Report - \$59,378.01 balance. Motion to accept made by Lori Mason, second made by Bill Van Beber, Jr. Unanimous to accept. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Voted the Favorite Non-Profit and Favorite Community Event
- August meeting, voted to restructure CPAA
- CPAA Picnic was held on September 21, 2024. Thank you to all who attended.

New Business

➤ Comedy for Cops Update – We have seven paid sponsors. We have approximately 6 interested Sponsorships, still have not secured by payment. STILL NEED SPONSORSHIPS!!!

➤ Dates of the November and December meetings fall during the holidays. Josh Beal, President asked to change the dates of those monthly meetings. The new proposed dates are November 21st and December 19th. Motion to accept the date changes was made by Lori Mason, seconded by Kathy Vogt. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

➤ Update on restructuring:

August 22,2024 – announced via email to paid members for a special called meeting on August 31st.

August 31,2024 – meeting held along with a zoom option. Vote to restructure and expand. (See minutes from August 31, 2024, meeting to see actual vote).

September 5,2024 – Request for members to organize a bylaws committee sent via email. Six members responded. The bylaws committee was made up of Gene Downing, Mike Vogt, Kathy Vogt, Judson Hall, AC Lopez, and Lori Mason. Josh Beal served as a NON VOTING Ex–Officio.

September 12, 2024 – The by-laws committee met at the Public Library. The committee voted Judson Hall to serve as Chairperson. The meeting was approximately three hours long.

September 18,2024 – The by-laws committee met at the Public Library. Voted on the revised by-laws.

September 19,2024 – Josh Beal, President sent the by-laws to all members via email.

Josh Beal stated that we would go through each article and vote on them separately and then take a vote on the overall document.

Article I – Association

Svetlana Figueroa questioned the name. She was concerned that the community would think that we were “first responders”. Christopher Monhollen stated that the word “responders” was not showing possession and that it was grammatically correct.

Motion to accept Article I as it was made by Mike Vogt, seconded by Kathy Vogt. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article II – Purpose

- Section a – added the word Dispatch.
- Reworded the Mission Statement for clarity.

The motion to accept Article II was made by Lori Mason, seconded by Bill Van Beber, Jr.

Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article III – Membership

Section a – remove “felony conviction”

The motion to accept was made by Christopher Monhollen, seconded by Renee Bruens. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Section c – Josh Beal suggested to remove the word Regular describing membership. Bylaws chairperson reminded Beal that we used the Regular to differentiate between members and the board.

The motion to keep the wording as it was made by Judson Hall, seconded by Lori Mason. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article IV – Meetings

Was the same as the previous bylaws. No questions were raised. Motion to accept made by Judson Hall, seconded by Gene Downing. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article V – Governance

No questions were raised. Motion was made by accept was made by Kathy Vogt, seconded by AC Lopez. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article VI – Committees

Motion was made to accept was made by Judson Hall, seconded by Bill Van Beber, Jr. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article VII – Advisory Members

No questions were raised, Motion to accept was made by Lori Mason, seconded by Gene Downing. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article VIII – Finances

No questions were raised. Motion to accept was made by Mike Vogt, seconded by Judson Hall. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article IX – Amendments

No questions were raised. Motion to accept was made by Lori Mason, seconded by Judson Hall. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

Article X and XI were voted on at the same time due to time constraints.

Article X and Article XI – Parliamentary Authority and Dissolution

No questions were raised. Motion to accept was made by Judson Hall, seconded by AC Lopez. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passed.

During the meeting, Darla and Irving Tillman had to leave, so they would not be voting on the overall document.

The Vote on the overall document, **Bylaws of the Montgomery County First Responders Association**, *as amended*, was taken by a show of hands and is follows:

Josh Beal – Abstain / Did Not Vote
Gene Downing – Yes
Lori Mason – Yes
Svetlana Figueroa – Yes
Bill Van Beber, Jr. – Yes
Christopher Monhollen – Yes
Judy Keppeler – Yes
Kathy Vogt – Yes
Judson Hall – Yes
Shonday Hall – Yes
Silvi Mize – Yes
AC Lopez – Yes
Talia Koeser – Yes
Sheila Thompson (Zoom) – Yes
Renee Bruens (Zoom) - No
Mike Vogt – No
Donna Henderson Hoyt – Abstain / Did Not Vote
Irving Tillman – Left Meeting
Darla Tillman – Left Meeting

Totals: **Yes** – 13 **No** – 2 **Abstain** – 2 **Total Votes** – 15

Based on 17 members present and 15 members voting (2/3 requirement = 10 votes) and 13 YES votes (13/15 = 86.7%) so the required 2/3 vote to change our bylaws was achieved.

Josh Beal, President, took a moment to address comments that were made during this process.

Motion was made to adjourn by Lori Mason, seconded by Judson Hall. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Approved November 21, 2024



Joshua Beal, President