



NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL UPDATE



CEDAR HILL HOSTS MAY 2004 CPAANT MEETING

The next CPAANT meeting is **Saturday, May 1, 2004**. The board meeting is open to all members, scheduled from 9 - 10 am. The **general meeting** will start at **10:00 am**.

Cedar Hill's Lt. **Garland Wolf** has been working hard to put on an exciting SWAT presentation. He will bring SWAT equipment, uniforms, weaponry, etc. This will be a worthwhile meeting so please make every effort to attend!

Cedar Hill has provided the following directions:

Cedar Hill Library

225 Cedar Street, Cedar Hill, TX.

Lost? Call Sandra McPike's cell, 972--978-0632

- * Travel to Interstate 20 toward the Grand Prairie area.
- * Take exit 457 - FM 1382 (Grand Prairie/Cedar Hill).
- * If coming from the west, turn right.
- * If coming from the east, turn left and go under bridge.
- * You will be on FM 1382. Go 6.3 miles (5 red lights).
- * Turn right at Hwy 67 (6th light), stay on service road.
- * Go through the first red light (approximately 1/2 mile).
- * Turn right onto Cedar Street.
- * The Library will be on your right at 225 Cedar Street.

You may visit these links for directions from your location:

<http://maps.yahoo.com/dd>

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REGIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Cedar Hill

June 5, 2003 - CPAANT 10 am
Coppell

July 10, 2004 - CPAANT 10am
Waco

August 7, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Dallas

August 23-25, 2004 Dickinson/Galveston, TX
Texas Citizen Police Academy Convention
www.tcpaacconvention.org

September 4, 2003
NO CPAANT MEETING

October 2, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Richardson

November 6, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Carrollton

December 4, 2003 - CPAANT 10 am
Arlington
CPAANT Holiday Party



DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again... dues are due!

Annual dues are \$25.00, payable to CPAANT.

Checks may be given to CPAANT Treasurer
Sandra McPike, or mailed to:

CPAANT
C/O James Long
PO Box 572
Arlington, TX 76004-0572

THANK YOU to those communities who have
already paid dues for 2004:

Arlington
Bedford
Carrollton
Cedar Hill
Coppell
Fort Worth
Haltom City (orphan member)
Hurst
Lewisville
Mansfield
Richardson
Rowlett
Weatherford

The CPAANT committees want YOU! There are two active committees that can benefit from your ideas and assistance.

Contact Wes Weeks / Eules for the **Website Research Committee**. CPAANT is specifically *seeking a webmaster* to head the CPAANT website.

Contact Louise Runnels / Fort Worth for the **Convention Preparation Committee**. This group will handle specifics for the state convention in Galveston, such as reserving and decorating display tables, the presence of Andy and Anne, raffle items, etc.

MINUTES FROM THE CPAANT MEETING

SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2004,

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Meeting began at approximately 10:08 am.

Marge Carr of Fort Worth welcomed everyone in attendance. A special welcome was issued to Fort Worth CPAA members and directors.

Louise Runnels introduced the speaker, **Chief Roger Woodard**. He has been a firefighter for the past 26 years. Runnels reviewed his extensive background / experience. He is the head of Community Relations for the fire dept. which includes media, grievance, accidents, and special projects.

Woodard gave an interesting and informative presentation regarding fire safety, and the JFS program (Juvenile Fire Setters).

GENERAL MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President James Long / Mansfield filled in at this meeting for President John Engels.

Website committee – Chairperson Wes Weeks created a list of other CPAA websites, these were researched and a CPAANT website “wish list” was created.

The domain name of CPAANT.ORG is currently available.

The preferred web hosting company has been narrowed down to ipowerweb.com. CPAANT does not want to make a final decision until a webmaster has been identified.

Cost should be approximately \$100/year which includes many features such as domain name, email addresses, ample bandwidth, support via toll free phone # and email, etc.

THUS, CPAANT is issuing a request for all members to go back to their communities in search of a CPAANT webmaster.

Please email Wes Weeks with any leads or questions, javaman123@comcast.net.

Thank you to Fort Worth was issued for hosting a CPAANT meeting for the second time in 2004, and for providing another interesting speaker.

James Long extended a personal thank you to everyone for all for the cards and prayers during his health situation in February.

National convention update – summary of classes, expecting 200-300 registrants, April 14-17, 2004.

State convention update -- \$75 registration includes meals/banquet.

The host premises, Moody Gardens, is a vacation destination for the entire family with many wonderful activities. The activity pass for family members is a bargain at \$35/each.

Convention exhibit tables are \$30/each (selling pins/patches/t-shirts, etc.). There is a 30 table limit in the vendor room, so sign up early if your group is planning to sell merchandise.

The Moody Gardens hotel is \$99/night, up to 4 people per room. The hotel has beach access.

Alternative lodging is available in the area as well as RV parking.

Voting – Anyone who attends a CPAANT meeting should have the right to speak. However, when voting, there should be a limit of one (1) vote per community (per bylaws as discussed previously).

Community’s notification of their CPAANT **representative** –A letter to the CPAANT Executive Board is fine in order to designate a specific representative. Also, substitute CPAANT representatives are fine (just use common sense).

MOTION to authorize expense of web hosting, made by Haltom City, 2nd by Fort Worth, passed unopposed.

Minutes were reviewed.

MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Fort Worth, 2nd by Coppell, passed unopposed.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed.

MOTION to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Fort Worth, 2nd by Euless, passed unopposed.

CITY REPORTS

Fort Worth – Raised \$1700 via Big Brothers/Big Sisters bowling event, they had great participation. CHALLENGE issued to Fort Worth for the HOW TO book on the bowling event.

CPAA purchased nine digital cameras, distributed as two per section (four sections total) and one CPAA unit. The digital cameras will be used to ID homeless and crime scenes, property ID taken into custody, etc. The cameras were much appreciated.

Coppell – “Cops & Lobsters” was served at Red Lobster, \$2000-3000 raised over 2-3 hours.

Plug for the June CPAANT meeting. The speaker is a forensic chemist from the DEA, very entertaining and a different type of DEA program.

DeSoto – The DeSoto PD was in need of transportation for larger weapons to the firing range, so the DeSoto alumni bought a covered trailer.

One officer has been diagnosed with lymphoma and the alumni are taking turns staying with him.

DeSoto has a great program for teaching kids about the negatives of drugs/alcohol.

TRIAD program – senior symposium included 200+ senior attendees. This provided information for seniors such as how to avoid scams, tire safety, etc.

DeSoto town meeting 5/14 will include a police open house; note that is the week of the police memorial.

DeSoto police chief has classified volunteers as unpaid employees, thus the volunteers vehicles are covered under the police insurance.

Haltom City – CloEllen Cardinal scholarship has been created to help underprivileged women go to college, as Clo was proactive and supportive of education.

Dallas – Hosting NOBLE convention July 9-16, 2004 at the Anatole hotel. Anyone interested in volunteering with registration, etc. is welcome to assist, please contact Sharon Stevens.

Eules – Arbor Days is a huge event in Eules which includes rides, food, music, etc. Eules CPAA parks cars as a major fundraiser.

Arbor Days runs April 23-25, 2004 with musical headliner Three Dog Night.

The entire Eules CPAA qualified for a Presidential Volunteer Service award.

CPA class continues, assisted by the Eules alumni. Eules PD will present a camp type program for children, funding assistance from their alumni.

Cedar Hill – Teamed with Bennigan’s to sell carnations at the Blarney Blast (March ’04).

CPA class #12 is in progress.

The alumni bought a high tech extension ladder for which the police were grateful.

Plug given for the CPAANT meeting in May hosted by Cedar Hill. Lt. Garland Wolf will bring weapons, SWAT equipment/vehicle, etc.

Arlington – Should be selling at Fry’s and also Trader’s Village in May.

Deputy chief Lisa Wommack was just hired as the Sugarland police chief.

COP patrol group won Volunteer Group of the Year, awarded by the Ft. Worth Star Telegram.

Arlington was nominated for a Volunteer service award in the large volunteer group category.

Meeting adjourned approximately 12 noon.

