

Stanislaus County Peace Officer's Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2009

Present: Jolene Gonzales

John Pleet

Marlisa Ferreira

Glyndon Wright

Enrique Perez

Meghan Greerty

Tim Helton

Jared Carrillo

Jeff Mangar

John Hernandez

Heidi Jenkins

The board meeting was held at Deva's Café and was called to order by Jolene Gonzales at 0713 hours.

Peace Officer's Memorial

Jolene Gonzales asked Sgt. Helton to please clarify the role the Association plays in the Memorial. Sgt. Helton gave some background on the Memorial, advising his organization does all of the fundraising. They had a 5k run last year and will be having the same event this year which 5/11 Tactical may sponsor. Sgt. Helton also mentioned that the State Memorial is being held on May 8th and eventually, he would like to see the department possibly charter a bus and send a large group to the event. He further advised that the Earl Scott Park will continue to be the location for the balloon release at the Memorial each year. The Sheriff's Department provides food for this event. Also, he and Gail Smith will continue to have a booth at the Oakdale Chocolate Festival providing information to citizen's regarding the memorial and this year, possibly a CD of information on fallen officers. They are still looking for more banner sponsorship this year at \$200 per banner.

Gail has taken the task of making nametags for the officers and their families that was very well received in the past. Marlisa pointed out that it is very important that we not forget anyone. Jolene suggested announcing Sgt. Helton's fundraising events at each of the SCPOA socials for more publicity. John Pleet advised that he will continue to send Jolene and Heidi email updates of the planning going into the Memorial.

Jolene advised that a letter has been sent to Maria Shriver to request her attendance to the Memorial as the keynote speaker. Enrique suggested we find a backup speaker in the event Mrs. Shriver is unable to attend. He suggested Lt. Governor John Garamendi as a backup. John suggested Ceres Chief Art De Werk as a possible speaker for this event or in the future. Jolene agreed he would be a good candidate. Marlisa advised there was no reason we could not have two speakers for the event. Jolene asked Enrique to approach Chief De Werk about speaking.

Jolene also approached the board regarding a conflict in her schedule with the Memorial. She advised that she will be at a course in Burbank during the Memorial. She is going to fly back to Modesto for the Memorial and requested that the Association cover part of her expenses. Enrique moved that the SCPOA pay half of the flight, Jared Carrillo seconded the motion, all were in favor. The SCPOA will be paying for half of the flight.

Upcoming Socials

Jolene advised that the association needs to invest in an American flag for our events. Enrique advised that he has already begun the process of getting a flag donated. Jolene is concerned that we are not using proper flag etiquette. Enrique advised that he will talk to the local VFW and make sure we have everything in order.

Jolene advised that Newman PD has not responded regarding the February social, so we are going to cancel for February.

Jolene inquired on the normal procedure of charging for dinner at the socials. She wanted to know if the association normally charges the guest speaker. Marlisa advised that the guest speaker is usually treated to dinner. Everyone agreed that is as it should be. Also, for awards ceremonies, usually only the recipients of the Phil Trompeter award are provided dinner, everyone else still needs to pay per plate.

Miscellaneous Items

Marlisa suggested that the association donate towards the education of Moonshine the bloodhound. Jolene asked for discussion and explained a little on the history of Moonshine. Jolene also advised that the Leadership of Modesto program she is involved with donated to the cause. John agreed that a modest contribution would be in order. Marlisa brought up that we have no tracking dogs for missing persons and she believes that donating is worth the risk of the program not working out. Marlisa's thought on

contribution was \$250. John moved that we contribute \$250 to the program, Marlisa seconded the motion, all were in favor. Marlisa also suggested we have Officer Jones bring Moonshine to a social to present the check.

Enrique advised that he would like everyone to consider attending the Crime Stoppers event. George Pirros will be the keynote speaker and it is being held 10/25-10/27/09 at the Double Tree Hotel. Enrique will be sending out an email with all of the information. Enrique advised that he and Carla Castro from Modesto PD are proposing that part of the proceeds from the dinner be put towards the reward monies in the Crime Stoppers program. He also suggested that we invite Carla to a social to speak on the program.

Marlisa advised Jolene that she will need to do a new presidential letter for the website and she will provide an outgoing one for Finn. Also, we need to update the pictures on the website.

Jolene Gonzales dismissed the meeting at 0755 hours.