

## Alamo Chapter General Business Meeting



**9 Nov 2022 Location: Little Italy restaurant, San Antonio, Texas**

The Alamo Chapter held a general membership meeting to update the Chapter as to the latest events and occurrences - before and during the evening meal among Chapter members. There were 5 Board Members, and approximately 22 other members and guests in attendance.

Dale Stout, president, opened the meeting at approximately 17:05.

The general agenda is as follows:

√ Announcements:

1. Janet-Anne Boykin spoke first. Janet-Anne announced that the Chapter ladies were planning to resume separate luncheons while their pilot spouses and partners met at a different location – but on the same day and close to where the members met. The ladies had done this prior to the Covid interruption. Janet-Anne asked the ladies to update contact information and preferences. She also mentioned the fact that ladies will be able to purchase and wear Chapter logo shirts to the luncheons.
2. Tim Worley next. Tim announced to the membership that Chapter shirts were going up by \$5.00, but that so far the overall cost to purchasers would still be \$45.00. He also addressed the availability of shirts now for the ladies, with a choice of colors. He consequently took several orders for their shirts. Any other Ladies interested should contact Tim with questions or order information.
3. Jim Boykin talked about the Christmas party this year. The gathering will be in the ARC where it had been held a couple of years back. Jim said the same band would perform, and the Chapter would be able to provide “alcohol refreshments” as in the past. Cost for Chapter members and one guest is \$47.00 each, while additional guests and noncurrent for dues members would be \$57.00 each. The deadline for paying for the party and getting on the list is 25 November. Payment will be sent to our treasurer, Chic Carter. See the Chapter web-site [www-vhpa-alamo.com](http://www-vhpa-alamo.com) for all the details.
4. Dale Stout, soon to be past president – after the Christmas party, thanked the other Board members with whom he had served during the year. They are dedicated, interested volunteers that keep the Chapter alive and going.

√ Business:

1. Dale Stout briefed the members on the need for electing new 2023 Alamo Chapter Board members. There will be a vacancy for a Junior Member at Large, and for a Vice President. Chapter policy is for the members at large to progress from Junior to senior each new year,

and will assume the position at the beginning of January. A call for nominations then went out for volunteers or nominations for the new members to fill the vacancies. Jim Boykin nominated Mike Law for Junior Member at Large, and Chip Brown nominated Tim Worley for the Vice President vacancy. Members were asked to vote on the nominations, and both new Board Members were approved. The following board members will serve in 2023 beginning in January. President, Chip Brown; Vice President, Tim Worley; Treasurer, Chic Carter; Secretary, Mike Clark; Senior Member at Large Jim Boykin (also remains as dining coordinator); Midterm Member at Large, Ron Spearman; Junior Member at Large, Mike Law; Past President, Dale Stout. Also, Ray Vaske is a back-up for Roster contacts.

2. In Ron Spearman's absence, Dale made a quick summary of the need for Chapter volunteers to support the 2023 VHPA San Antonio Reunion. Ron has been working with national to coordinate Chapter volunteers to times and dates. He has the training setup, and the paperwork for the volunteer commitment. Ron will be active beginning the first of the year and into the spring to seek the numbers we need as volunteers. Ron will have more information later.
3. Chapter Budget – in Chic Carter's absence. Dale mentioned that the Chapter has \$8,897.94 in the budget at this time, and were considering the year's contributions to worthy organizations. Also mentioned was the fact that the Alamo Chapter is looking to establish a long term interest bearing Savings Account based on the Life Membership contributions - in order to preserve enough money that will remain accessible for future Chapter expenses and projects. The proposed initial amount to transfer into this account is \$20.00 per each existing Life Member, which will be \$880.00. \$20.00 will be initially placed in this account for every new Life Member. Each year, the Board will determine if more money should be transferred into this Savings Account.
4. Also discussed were Chapter contributions to worthy programs. In the past the Chapter has contributed to organizations like the Huey 369 group, AAAA Scholarships, the Texas Tech Vietnam Archive and Museum, and Wreaths across America. Ray Vaske informed the members where we were as to this year's wreath program, and he gave information concerning what the Chapter could do to support the 2022 program. He mentioned that last year the Chapter had contributed \$150.00, and individual members had contributed just over \$2,000.00. At this point, Dale Stout brought up the fact that the board had talked about contributing \$150.00 again to the Wreaths, but that they had not voted on it. He asked the membership if they approved of donating \$150.00 to Wreaths across America, and was overwhelmingly approved. Dale also suggested that any members who wanted to donate individually to that program, or any other special program should identify which program – and send their contribution to Chic Carter. For the Wreaths across America program – Ray said his deadline for gathering contributions would be 25 November.

√ Other Business:

1. Dale asked if there was any other items of business, and there were none.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 17:45.