

**DUQUESNE PD ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting for the Duquesne PD Activities Committee was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Vice President Sara Ellsworth.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Sara Ellsworth, Jane Baine, and Jessica Girard. Absent were Becca White, Bill Sherman and Sherry Lawrence. Guest attendee was Flo Dempsey.

AGENDA

Motion made by J. Girard, seconded by J. Baine, to amend the agenda to include "Approve 01/04/22 Minutes." Voting in favor were J. Girard, J. Baine, and S. Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Girard, seconded by J. Baine, to approve the amended agenda. Voting in favor were J. Girard, J. Baine, and S. Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by J. Baine, seconded by J. Girard, to approve the January 4, 2022 minutes as presented. Voting in favor were J. Girard, J. Baine, and S. Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No minutes were created for the February 4, 2022 meeting since it was canceled due to the weather. This meeting was rescheduled for March 21, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Officer Community Handouts:

- F. Dempsey requested, on behalf of the Duquesne Officers, that no law enforcement symbols be placed on donated items such as stuffed animals, comfort blankets, etc. This will allow the officers to hand these out to members of the community under any circumstance.

Yearly Events

- The discussion about yearly events is on hold until the Officer Appreciation has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Appreciation:

- Several possible ideas were discussed. Each item listed below will need additional followup and will be further discussed at the next meeting.
- A donation could be made to the JPOA Fundraiser for the 3 JPD officers injured/killed.
- Customized gift baskets/gift cards could be given to the 3 JPD officers injured/killed based upon their needs.
- F. Dempsey will contact the Joplin Police Department (JPD)'s liaison for Officer Hirshey to determine if there are any specific needs and/or the best way to donate directly to him.
- A bench could be donated in honor of the officers to the Duquesne Memorial Park with a plaque saying something similar to "In honor of those who serve and protect." J. Baine will request quotes for a bench and plaque. J. Girard will speak with the Park Committee about this possibility.
- J. Girard will request quotes for creating a Duquesne PD challenge coin.
- S. Ellsworth will speak with Soaring Heights about possibly having the kids make cards for the officers.
- An Officer Appreciation Family Night could be hosted at City Hall sometime in April or May. Any officer appreciation cards that were received could be displayed. A gift could be placed at each table for each officer attending. The committee could pay for the meat while the committee members could donate the sides. S. Ellsworth will inquire about having dessert donated.

- F. Dempsey advised that the Duquesne Officers might want to personally donate. She will follow up and advise.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY

S. Lawrence has been absent from every meeting since she was appointed to the committee. S. Ellsworth advised that S. Lawrence won't be able to attend the committee meetings during the day due to a conflict with work. S. Ellsworth will follow up with S. Lawrence on a possible resignation letter.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING AND TIME

The next meeting will be April 11, 2022 at 11:00am.

There was no further business, a motion was made by J. Baine, seconded by J. Girard to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor were J. Girard, J. Baine, and S. Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.