

McKinney Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Meeting called to order at 1:50 p.m.

Members present: Susan Flick, Jyoti Boppana, Maitland Dade, Carla Guthrie, James Porter, John York, and Johanna Graham

On Tuesday, April 28, Major Art Folks, Director, McKinney Salvation Army post, engaged Jim Porter in a conversation about the Club's rental agreement with the Salvation which expires on May 1st. The Major informed Jim that there will be a rental cost increase for next year. The Salvation Army (SA) leadership, in Georgia, raised the rental fee to \$75 per hour beginning May 1st. The Club currently pays \$105 per play day.

The search for alternative meeting spaces began immediately after getting this information.

Susan met today with Major to ask for a grace period to discuss this new fee and make a decision on moving forward. She also informed the Major of the donations made to the organization by our club since 2012, i.e. Angel Tree, manning Kettles during the holiday season, use of Club equipment, and a generous end-of-the-year monetary contribution. The Major told Susan that The Salvation Army is a Georgia corporation and that it has to make decisions to benefit the whole organization. The Major said that he will forward our current contract to his leadership and let it be known that we find the increase extreme.

Susan shared with the Board her disappointment with this increase and questions whether the SA leadership was aware of our contributions and service throughout the year. The Major granted a 2 month grace period for the club to make a decision. Susan has no expectation that the increase will be withdrawn.

Additionally, Susan made a motion to delete language in our by-laws that gives all remaining club funds to the Salvation Army in the event that the club discontinues. Jim seconded the motion. There was a unanimous yes vote.

Susan suggested that the Board consider new language at its next meeting. New language such as:

“In the event that the Club shall cease to operate, the Board, after paying or making provisions for settling of all liabilities and liquidation of all assets of the Club, shall distribute any remaining assets to the Club member

Jim has visited several possible places within a 5 mile radius to accommodate our games: the McKinney Library, the Senior Center, City Church, United Methodist Church.

Susan, Carla, and Jim will visit other possible sites after today’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by
Maitland Dade

