

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FRIDAY, April 13, 2018**

The NWARW Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by President Susan Friedrich at the home of Susan Friedrich. Members present: Susan Friedrich, Sandy Woerner, Sheri Radomsky, Carolyn Isbell, Elaine Lehmann, Rhonda Murphy, Ann Bradley, Carla Birk, Carolyn Bishop, Connie Ripley, Joyce Melugin, and Janelle Kelton. The Minutes of the March 16, 2018 Executive meeting were approved as written.

Officer Reports

President - Susan reviewed the voting members of the Executive Committee stating that Officers and Chairs of Standing Committees, those committees marked with an asterisk on the List of Committee Chairs and Members, can vote.

Susan reminded Committee chairs to create a binder or folder with information they think might be helpful to anyone in the future in that position.

Susan announced that Carolyn Isbell had volunteered to have the May Executive Committee meeting at her home.

Susan stated that a Nominations Committee for 2019 would be appointed at the May Executive meeting and asked that officers start thinking if they want to continue in their office for another year. Also consider being on the Nominations Committee.

Membership- Ann reviewed the schedule for the New Member Luncheon on Saturday, April 28th at the home of Sheri Radomsky and passed around the food sign up sheet. She will confirm with the prospective attendees by phone or email or text.

Ann announced 68 Active members; 30 Associates, and 1 Young Affiliate.

Programs – Connie confirmed the May 7th speaker will be Alice Tripp, Texas State Rifle Association, on school and church safety. She is trying to schedule Congressman Roger Williams and Congressman Michael McCaul for the fall programs, but nothing definite yet.

Treasurer Sandy reported a bank balance of \$4,229.85.

Sandy Woerner made a motion to spend up to \$75.00 per person to pay for the lunches for the two Tribute to Women honorees at the TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon; Connie Ripley seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Sandy suggested in the future the Treasurer have an Assistant Treasurer.

Sheri Radomsky reported on using the Square to accept credit card payments. Eventbrite fees are high and Sandy reported that it is being used less since the fees are in addition to the lunch cost. The purchase of an older ipad by the club was discussed. Occupation and Address information could be captured. One person would be in charge of this device at the meetings to take credit card payments. Rhonda asked if membership could also be charged on the square. A plan could be worked out to do so. Sheri, Sandy, and Ann will come up with a workable plan to be voted on at the May Executive meeting and the plan to be put in place by September.

Corresponding Secretary – Elaine Lehmann stated that she sent a card to Joyce Melugin after her surgery. There were suggestions of other members who should receive cards. Elaine and Connie are working together to send thank you notes to speakers.

Committee Reports

Americanism –

ByLaws – Susan reviewed Article V, Officers & Executive Committee.

Campaign Activities/Political Action – Carolyn Isbell reported 2,164 hours for Quarter 1. This was a record breaking quarter. Carolyn passed around a sheet to report today's hours. She announced a goal for 2018 to be 10,000 hours. A discussion followed about this being a high number, but considering all the activities involved with upcoming elections and the number of Delegates attending the state convention and hours that could be counted, the goal seemed attainable.

Caring for America – Elaine announced the May Caring For America project to be Happy Birthdays, an organization out of Round Rock that hosts birthday parties for foster children and children who because of their circumstances do not have parties. The Wish List will be published in the April e-News. The organization is having a fundraiser, Ladies Night Out, on Thursday, May 10, 6:30 PM, at Rock Rose Hall, and some of our members have expressed an interest in attending. Susan will coordinate members who might want to attend.

Chaplain –

Community Engagement –

Fundraising- Mary was unable to be in attendance, but Susan gave the report from Mary that the Bakeless Bake Sale was not quite at the \$500.00 goal (\$440.00). The Shop.Select goal was \$500.00, with approximately half collected. Members can donate items to Mary. Sandy reminded everyone that an In-Kind Contribution form needed to be submitted to her (no receipt needed) for items donated. The form has been emailed to the Executive Committee and it can be found on the TFRW website under Documents and Forms.

Literacy – Carolyn Bishop wants to get the approximate numbers for the schools that been agreed to by the Executive Committee – Pillow Elementary, Athlos Academy School, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Braille copies), and Texas School for the Deaf. Joyce will contact Pillow to get an estimate for next semester; Susan will get with her contact for the blind and the deaf schools. Only the constitutions will be distributed to the School for the Blind and the Texas School for the Deaf.

Carolyn discussed her idea of a Book Club. Susan asked Carolyn to write up an article for the April e-News to find out the interest from our members. Ann suggested a CHAT as a way to discuss the books and draw in ladies who might be interested in joining our club. Carolyn, Sheri, and Ann will get a plan in place for the summer.

Media Communications – Sheri said she will post events on Facebook. Susan will post pictures and asked that members send her pictures of any and all events they attend. Sheri instructed the group on how to tag the club's FB page by typing in NW Austin Republican Women. It was suggested that Susan make an announcement at the meeting that members should look at the Back of the Agenda for information.

Political Action – Carla said her experience in passing out the brochures at the conventions was finding out that many ladies are not able to attend a luncheon meeting. She suggested that three times a year our club host a breakfast or evening event, possibly in October, February, and April to reach these ladies. It would not have to be a full meeting, but maybe a recap of our programs. The idea of a CHAT was also suggested for these events. Carla reviewed the upcoming elections in May – City Election and Primary Runoff.

Carolyn Bishop asked about Campaign contributions to candidates. A discussion ensued on how to best distribute the \$1000 budgeted for these contributions. Carla is going to create a list of candidates that will be considered for donations and the Executive Committee will have a meeting by email to choose candidates that will get contributions for a total of \$500 now. This will need to be voted on by the general membership at the May meeting. The other \$500 will be discussed at a later time for donations in September.

June Social Committee Report – The social will not be held at Balcones Country Club as planned previously. Susan will appoint a committee to meet separately to discuss plans for a June social. Suggestions for venues need to be submitted.

Convention Report – Susan wants the names of all Delegates who will be attending the State Convention in June. An article will be put into the April e-News requesting names.

No further business to be considered, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Notes recorded by Susan Friedrich and typed up by Susan Friedrich in the absence of Olga Lasher.

Olga Lasher, Recording Secretary