

NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

4/2/2018

The General Meeting of the Northwest Austin Republican Women (NWARW) was called to order by Club President Susan Friedrich at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, 4/2/2018 at Dave & Buster's Restaurant.

The Invocation was given by Michelle Samuelson. Pledges were led by Nelvia Hamblin.

Susan Friedrich announced that two Active members could be honored at the TFRW Tribute to Women luncheon at the Republican Party of Texas state convention in June. Ballots were on the tables for the Active members to vote on two honorees.

Mary Heffernan pointed out the sign up posters on the wall and asked that anyone who had worked in the polling places, precinct chairs, attended the conventions, and delegates to the state convention sign their names. She requested that all delegates have their picture taken as a group at the end of the meeting.

Mary Heffernan mentioned that the NWARW are involved with the Ted Cruz event on April 3rd and will be volunteering with registration. If anyone would like to assist, please contact Mary.

Rhonda Murphy recognized elected officials and guests.

Introduction of program-Rosemary Edwards introduced the speaker Travis County Republican Party Chairman Matt Mackowiak. Rosemary stated in her introductory that Matt has worn several hats over the years; from media consultant to other many positions.

Matt covered local to national issues and reminding everyone the importance of not only getting out and voting, but supporting our candidates.

Connie Ripley announced that our speaker for next month will be Alice Tripp with the Texas Rifle Association and would highlight 'school and church safety.'

OFFICER REPORTS:

Club President Susan Friedrich called for the approval of the minutes. She stated the club minutes are posted in the e-news and club website. Members found no audits necessary and were approved as written.

Treasurer Sandy Woerner reported a previous balance of \$ 5118.45 and a current balance of \$ 3967.10. Sandy stated that among the high expenses was the development and printing of our new membership books. There being no questions, the treasurer's report will be submitted for review.

1st Vice President, Ann Bradley announced that the NWARW had a quorum present. She reported 67 active members and 29 Associate members. She also mentioned a correction on the New Member Lunch flyer. The date is April 28, 2018 and not as indicated on the flyer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Caring for America Chair, Carolyn Isbell, introduced our March Caring for America project, Guide Dogs of Texas, speaking on their behalf was Jenna Krysinski and her companion example of a guide dog Grace.

Carolyn stated that the May Caring for America Project will be the Happy Birthdays organization.

Campaign Activities- Carolyn Isbell discussed the importance of reporting hours and Susan Friedrich reminded everyone to think of campaign hours as political action activities. Susan also said that it is her goal to have our club be successful at reporting the most campaign hours for a club our size in the two year cycle of the award.

Fundraising Chair, Mary Heffernan, reported on the Bakeless Bake Sale and a drawing for a prize at the end of the meeting.

Political Action Chair, Carla Birk, talked about the municipal elections among other upcoming election items. She reminded everyone that we can find more information on the back of the agenda.

Susan Friedrich announced that she knows of 19 delegates from our club going to the state convention....17 from Travis County and 2 from Williamson County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joyce Melugin announced our honorees for the TFRW luncheon as being Susan Friedrich and Rhonda Murphy.

Calendar of Events:

April 3 – Senator Ted Cruz Campaign Event, 7:30, Texas Mailhouse

April 13 – NWARW Executive Meeting

April 13-Travis County Reagan Gala- Abbott keynote speaker

April 13 – TFRW Patron Event, 5:30-6:30, Supreme Court of Texas, hosted by Justice Debra Lehrmann. NWARW has a club patron membership and any Active member who would like to use it is to contact the club president.

April 14 – TFRW Board of Director’s Meeting, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Austin Marriott South

April 28-New Member Lunch and Orientation

May 7 – NWARW General Meeting

May 18 – NWARW Executive Meeting

June 14 – 16 RPT State Convention in San Antonio

June 28 – Summer Social, Details TBA

Elected Officials, Candidates, Guests were invited to address the membership.

With no new business, President Susan Friedrich adjourned the meeting at 1:02 PM.

For NWARW

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Recording Secretary