

NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
12/3/2018

The General Meeting of the Northwest Austin Republican Women (NWARW) was called to order by Club President Susan Friedrich at 11:45 AM Monday, 12/3/2018 at Dave & Buster's Restaurant.

The Invocation was given by Joyce Melugin. Pledges were led by Linda Durnin.

President Susan Friedrich welcomed everyone and stated we would be installing the 2019 officers at this meeting.

Ann Bradley announced that the NWARW we now have 87 members who have been members when we had set a goal of 75, as opposed to 73 this time last year. We presently have 43 2019 members. New goal is 100, as she raised a poster indicating a chart of where we are now and where we should be as time goes on. Ann stated we need to get up to 44 more. She made known our special guest, Mike Toth.

President Susan Friedrich touched on some of the 2017 & 2018 highlights. In addition, she recognized two long standing members for their 90th birthdays: Murlene Johnston and Missy Leibbrand. What an inspiration these ladies are to NWARW. Susan also talked about the increased membership. She talked about the number of NWARW who attended both the TFRW and the RPT convention with increase numbers of membership attending. She mentioned the many awards the club has received. She asked for the 2018 officers to go to the front and be recognized. She also thanked all the committee chairs for a job well done.

Connie Ripley 2nd VP Programs announced and introduced the speaker Justice Mike Toth. He touched on the life and times of former President George H. Bush. He also touched on the elections and some of what an outcome it could bring. After speaking he then asked the 2019 NWARW officers to come to the front. He then administered an oath of office. Susan presented Carla Birk with a club president pin, and Susan's personal gift to her of her own club president name badge.

Susan acknowledged a couple of well-deserved recognitions: Michele Samuelson and Cassie Daniel, both past presidents and to whom she gives appreciation for being great examples.

Susan announced that Human Trafficking would be the topic at our January meeting.

Julia Johnston led the group in singing Christmas; Rachel Lopez accompanied her on her flute. Red Velvet Christmas cupcakes made by Susan were served to all present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Recording Secretary Olga Lasher-Susan reminded everyone that the minutes are posted on our website-e-news and always pre-announced. She then asked if there were any changes and hearing none, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer- Sandy Woerner, posted on the bank of the agenda - \$4422.96 as of November 30, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Caring for America-Chair Carolyn Isbell thanked everyone for the gifts people had brought to be donated to Purple Santa. Carolyn at this time, while she had the floor, asked for Susan to come to the

front. She was presented with a gift. Always report hours to Carolyn at disbell@austin.rr.com or 512.923.6262.

Joyce Melugin gave a brief history of Purple Santa and The Safe Alliance (formerly Safe Place).

Susan reminded everyone to remember the year's CFA projects printed on back of the agenda.

Campaign Activities- Carolyn Isbell discussed the importance of reporting hours and that a total of 582 hours is presently reported with a year total of 7,549.25. We had set a goal of 10,000 and reached over half that goal. Susan reminded everyone that on the back of the agenda was listed more information of hours.

Political Action-Carla Birk talked about the elections and to contact the TCRP at 412-302-1776 for Travis County and reminded everyone about the block walk this coming Saturday for Frank Ward, City Council Place 8 runoff. Carla talked about the Abbott Auxiliary Challenge of \$5 per voters identified. NWARW earned a total of \$1205 and NWARW was able to make candidate donations from some of that and some would be dedicated for future donations. Carla called out the names of those who had taken her challenge of 15 hours or more block walking, phone banking, etc. and presented each a gift.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW Business: None

Announcements:

Katie Stephens took this time to make note of her mother's (Susan Friedrich) accomplishments and thanked the club for supporting Susan these last 2 years..

Carla thanked everyone. Robbie with TFRW announced a Thursday evening event which could be found in the TFRW website. Judy Moore made some club announcements for her club. Dollie Golden thanked everyone for their kindness during the loss of her husband. Michele Samuelson reminded everyone that Travis County lost important seats, but she stated that Wilco is still there, and should we need anything, to call. Cassie Daniels announced the Capitol Women Republican party Wednesday where they would be installing 2019 officers.

Calendar of Events:

Dec 7-EC meeting and Social at Villa Serena Townhomes Clubhouse at 11:15

Dec 12- Finance Committee Meeting at 1:00 pm Susan's home

Jan 7- NWARW General meeting

Jan 11-TFRW Packing party, First Response Kits for Human Trafficking Victims

Jan 12-TFRW Board Meeting at Westin at the Domain at 9:00 AM

With no new business, President Susan Friedrich adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM, and the group sang We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

For NWARW

Olga Lasher

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Recording Secretary