

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017
Westminster**

President Susan Friedrich opened the Executive Committee Meeting at 11:35AM and reported the following committee assignments:

- Awards – Chair Carrie Sullivan
- Literacy – Add Sandy Woerner
- Membership – Add Jennifer Gibbs and Chris Sale
- Remove Janet Walker from all committees

Officer Reports:

1st VP Rhonda Murphy went over membership numbers, goals and renewals. She explained plans for the Directory. A motion to approve a budget expenditure of \$250-350 to print the directory was made and passed. A new source for name tags has been secured. The Mentorship Program was discussed and a chair person is being sought.

2nd VP Connie Ripley reported US Congressman Bill Flores will be the March 6th meeting speaker. Plans for the April 3rd meeting will feature top legislative aides. The May 16th meeting is still a work in progress.

Corresponding Secretary Elaine Lehmann is now prepared to send the new logo notes to speakers, and “Caring for American” presenters.

Susan Friedrich informed the committee that a Club cannot accept campaign checks from judicial candidates. Personal checks can be accepted.

Committee Reports:

Awards Chair Carrie Sullivan and Susan Friedrich will work on meeting the deadline of August 15th for the John Goodwin Tower Award. Creating a Legacy Award for 25+ year members is being considered. A review of the Award Forms is in progress.

Campaign Activities Carolyn Isbell will remind members Q1 hours are due the end of March. Carolyn will be asked to do a short clarification of campaign and Caring for American hours at each meeting.

Caring for America Chair Katie Stephens will ask for reporting hours and will try to publish local newspaper stories regarding projects. Because pictures help tell the story, Rosemary Edwards will be approached about being responsible for taking pictures at the meeting. Beth Knippa with Austin Disaster Relief (ADR) is the March project. “Gifts for the Unborn” with founder Dick Jacobs is scheduled for April. May – LINC Austin regarding homeless youth will be featured.

Fundraising: A flyer for a “No Bake Bake Sale” with proceeds dedicated to the Literacy Project will be prepared and offered at the March and April meetings. Also, plans are being formulated for a Tea with special guest Andi Ball.

Hospitality Chair Elaine Lehmann will print the names of each month’s Greeters in the E-News.

Legislative: Members will be asked to write notes of encouragement to President Trump and others at the March meeting and for thank you notes to legislators in April.

Literacy Chair Nelvia Hamblin is researching a project with Williamson County Literary Council regarding GED sponsorships.

Public Relations & Outreach Chair Lauren Day ~~and E-News Chair Cindi McIntyre~~ are hosting an organizational meeting on Feb 25th to explore ideas – including creating a promotional flyer for the club, push cards w/bullet points, and a video.

Telephone Chair Joyce Melugin is willing to have the committee make calls to remind members of upcoming dates of Executive Committee meetings.

New Business:

Legislative Day – April 6 – Register before March 14th \$70.00 after that date prices go up. Volunteer opportunities with Michele Samuelson TFRW VP Legislation – Email vplegislation@tfrw.org with the subject liner “Lege Day Volunteer. It is important that NWARW have 5 or more volunteers or attendees to qualify for the John Goodwin Tower Award.

Political action is needed to combat President Trump protests. Sites for Texas groups organizing to disrupt Trump agenda; <https://tx21indivisible.us/> and <https://www.indivisibleguide.com>. Ideas for action to counter these groups are needed.

With no further business to discuss, the President adjourned the meeting at 1:35PM.

Julia Johnson, Secretary