

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45AM by President Susan Friedrich. The prayer was given by Sheri Radomsky. The US and Texas Pledges were led by Nelvia Hamblin. 1st VP Rhonda Murphy introduced guests in attendance. (List attached to original minutes.)

PROGRAM:

Connie Ripley, 2nd VP Programs, introduced Donna Campbell, Texas State Senator, District 25, as our special guest and speaker. Senator Campbell shared information about legislative issues, urged everyone to keep working for our party, and answered questions from members.

Connie Ripley announced that U.S. Representative Bill Flores will be the speaker for our March program.

OFFICER MEETING:

- The minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were approved as written.
- There was no Treasurer report.
- Membership/1st Vice President Rhonda Murphy, introduced the 5 new Active members from January. She reported a current membership of 56. The 2017 Membership Goal is 61 active members by May and 75 by Nov. Today is the deadline for getting your name in the Directory and Twenty-five dollar business card adds for the 2017 Directory are still available. For your information, the Punch Card Program rules are listed on the back of today's agenda. A drawing for a prize for bringing guests who became members at the last meeting was won by Connie Ripley. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 29th for the New Member Orientation.
- Caring for America Co-Chair Carolyn Isbell introduced Elizabeth Gibson, Director of Development for STARRY, a Children at Heart Ministry, who gave a brief presentation about her organization. Carolyn announced the March Caring for America project will be Austin Disaster Relief with a presentation to learn how members can give of their time to this organization.
- Campaign Activities Chair Carolyn Isbell passed a sheet around for members to add their campaign hours. President Susan Friedrich announced that members can still report hours from July 2015 through the present if they had not done so.
- Elaine Lehmann, Hospitality Chair, had received a thank you letter from Maura Phelan, candidate for Travis County D.A. office, and the letter was passed around for the membership to read.
- Nubia Devine, Legislative Chair, had submitted a Legislative report which was read by Susan.
- Lauren Day, Chair, PR/Outreach, introduced her new baby and reported a meeting of her committee will be held Friday, February 24th to review and make plans for reaching out to the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michele Samuelson, TFRW VP Legislation, spoke of the upcoming Legislative Day on April 6th and urged members to register early. She wants our Club to be well represented and join Republican women from all across Texas in the balcony of the Legislature, and fill two tables at the luncheon afterward. The Belles and Boots event will be at Scholz Beer Garten the evening of April 5th.

Announcements of other upcoming events were discussed. Nathalie Fisher spoke about the upcoming Region IX Workshop in New Braunfels.

After a few words from Jonas Miller with US Congressman John Carter's office, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Katie Stephens, Acting Recording Secretary