

NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

3/5/2018

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, 3/5/2018 at Dave & Buster's Restaurant.

The Invocation was given by Mary Heffernan. Pledges were led by Dr. Rosemary Edwards. In commemoration of Texas Independence Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, a video displayed the words of Texas Our Texas and was sung by the group.

Rhonda Murphy recognized elected officials and guests. Rhonda showed a copy of the 2018 Directory that was distributed to members, as well as the new club brochure that was created. She asked that anyone attending conventions see her to get copies of the brochure to hand out.

Connie Ripley 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Programs announced and introduced the speaker Agent Duncan Edwards, an FBI Cyber Computer Intrusion Specialist. He touched on different types of hacks which can happen to anyone: email, credit card among a few.

Connie Ripley announced our speaker for April will be Matt Mackowiak, Travis County Republican Party Chair.

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 \$4,104.29 and a current balance of 5,118.45. There being no questions, the treasurer's report will be submitted for review.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ann Bradley announced that the NWARW had a quorum present. She reported 65 active members, 28 Associate members, and 1 Young Affiliate.

Club President Susan Friedrich recognized Katie Stephens as the new part-time Administrative Assistant at the Austin TFRW office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Caring for America Chair, Carolyn Isbell, introduced our March Caring for America project, Manos de Cristo. Julie Ballesteros, Executive Director, and Paul Miller, Board of Director member, representing the organization, spoke of the mission of the organization, particularly providing dental care to low income individuals.

Carolyn stated that the April Caring for America project will be Guide Dogs of Central Texas.

Carolyn also mentioned that the Caring for America committee has been communicating with LINC Austin, featured in February, to provide casseroles to the homeless youth on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Members are to contact her or Elaine Lehmann if they want to participate.

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. She also explained and reported on the Shop.Select fundraiser.

Legislative - Jan Duncan – report on back of the Agenda.

Political Action Chair, Carla Birk, stated the TCRP is still in need of election workers. She talked about the elections and to contact the TCRP at 412-302-1776 for Travis county and Donna at 512-677-1199 for Williamson county.

Club President Susan Friedrich recognized Madison Pakenham, Young Affiliate member, who will be serving as a Paige at the Travis County Convention on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Olga Lasher addressed the body and stated she needs volunteers for the precinct packet breakdown and that those hours count. Olga asked if anyone would like to serve on a committee. She also mentioned that her company teaches classes on Cyber Security.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club President Susan Friedrich stated that it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Club adopt the 2018 Budget that was attached to the Agendas. Upon asking for any questions or discussions and there being none, a vote to adopt the budget was called for. The 2018 Budget was adopted.

Calendar of Events:

March 16 – NWARW Executive Meeting, 11:15 AM, Balcones Country Club

March 24 - SD Conventions

April 2 – NWARW General Meeting

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

June 14 – 16 RPT State Convention in San Antonio

Announcements by Elected Officials, Candidates, Guests-they were invited to address the membership. With no new business, President Susan Friedrich adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

For NWARW

*Olga Lasher*

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Recording Secretary