

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:45AM by President Susan Friedrich at Dave & Busters. The prayer was led by Olga Lasher and the US and Texas Pledges were led by Michele Samuelson. 1st VP Rhonda Murphy recognized the elected officials and guests. (List attached to original minutes.)

PROGRAM

Second VP Connie Ripley introduced Speaker U.S. Congressman Bill Flores, District 17. The information Congressman Flores shared with us was very informative and interesting.

BUSINESS MEETING

Officer Reports:

- The minutes of the February 6th meeting were approved as written.
- There was no Treasurer report due to the absence and illness of the Treasurer..
- Rhonda Murphy, 1st VP reported the goal of 61 members by May and 75 by November. Our Club has already reached the “big” club status. New Directories are now available with lots of good information and totally paid for by the sponsorship ads.

Committee Reports:

- Caring for America – Carolyn Isbell, Co-Chair introduced Beth Knippa with Austin Disaster Relief (ADR) which will be the project for April., She explained their work and needs – and emphasized the need for volunteers. Gifts for the Unborn will be featured in May.
- Campaign Activities - Carolyn Isbell Chair expressed the need for reporting the first quarter campaign hours. A sign-up sheet was passed around and hours can also be submitted by e-mail to disbell@austin.rr.com or calling 512-923-6262.
- Fundraising – Plans are being formulated for a “No Bake Bake Sale” fundraiser to benefit the Literacy Project and donation flyers were available on the tables.
- Hospitality – Elaine Lehmann thanked greeters for March and requested future volunteer monthly greeters to contact her at llehmann@austin.rr.com.
- Legislative Chair Nubia Devine prepared a legislative report which was passed around the room.
- PR/Outreach - Lauren Day Chair had prepared a sign-up sheet for members with affiliation to organizations that was passed around the room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- April 6th is TFRW Legislative Day at the Capitol. TFRW VP for Legislation Michelle Samuelson needs volunteer helpers as greeters, registration, etc. Please e-mail vplegislation@tfrw.org with subject line “Lege Day Volunteer.” President Friedrich wants the club to be well represented at this activity, so please contact Michelle ASAP for an assignment.

NEW BUSINESS

- Political Action Committee (Standing Committee) needs a Chair. Please contact President Friedrich to volunteer – skfriedrich@austin.rr.com.
- NWARW stationery & envelopes addressed to the White House are on the tables for members to write short thank-you or encouragement notes to President Trump and/or the First Lady. Members are also encouraged to call the White House Comment Line - 202-456-1111.
- In April, materials will be available to write thank-you notes to Legislators.

With no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Julia Johnson, Secretary