

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

The NWARW May 1st meeting held at Dave and Buster's was called to order by President Susan Friedrich at 11:45AM. The Prayer and the Pledges to the US and Texas Flags were led by Ann Bradley.

1st VP/Membership Rhonda Murphy informed the President that a quorum was present and recognized elected officials and guests present. (List attached to original minutes)

2nd VP Connie Ripley introduced the speaker – Tony McDonald of Empower Texans who gave an update on the Texas Legislative Session.

Officer Reports:

- The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report showed a balance forward of \$4,947.36 and after expenditures the current balance is \$3,682.62. The report was filed for audit.
- Membership Rhonda Murphy reported current active memberships at 65 with 22 associates. NWARW's goal for the year is 75. TFRW has 6,000 members with a goal of 7,500. We currently are eligible for 6 delegates and 6 alternates for the State Convention in October.

Committee Reports:

- Caring for America – Katie Stephens, Co-Chair announced May is dedicated to honoring the family members of First Call Responders. A round of applause was given for those members in attendance.
- Campaign Activities – Members are always reminded to report their hours to Carolyn Isbell.
- Hospitality – Elaine Lehmann always welcomes information on members who are ill or could use a note of encouragement.
- Legislative – Nubia Devine listed her report on the back of the agenda.
- PR/Outreach – Lauren Day Chair passed around a sign-up sheet for members to list their affiliations with other organizations.

Unfinished Business:

- Legislative Day – Michele Samuelson was honored with yellow roses by President Susan for the outstanding work in organizing the event. NWARW was well represented; our auction basket was a success; and Michele was thankful all the volunteers.
- By-laws Amendments regarding adding a section on *Young Affiliate Members and Creating Several Additional Standing Committees* were read for the second time by VP Rosemary Edwards and recommended for passage, discussion was held and the amendments passed as presented.

New Business:

- A recommendation by the Executive Committee for NWARW to donate \$100 to TFRW for a 3rd Patriot Paws dog for veterans to be presented at the 2017 convention was made. After discussion the recommendation was passed.
- 2018 Nominating Committee Election – Lauren Day moved the committee be composed of Olga Lasher, Rhonda Murphy and Carla Birk. Motion seconded and passed.
- Summer Socials – President Susan reported that the first social will be June 29th at the Balcones Country Club. The second social will be August 8th at the home of Joyce Melugin. Detail information will be published in the e-news and by telephone committee calls. Mark your calendars.
- 2017 TFRW Convention – Dallas, October 19-21 – Election of delegates and alternates will take place at the September meeting.

After announcements by elected officials and guests, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

