

NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2018

The General Meeting of the Northwest Austin Republican Women (NWARW) was called to order by Club President Susan Friedrich at 11:47 a.m. on Monday, 5/7/2018 at Dave & Buster's Restaurant.

The Invocation was given by Roby Dollar. Pledges were led by Nelvia Hamblin. Rhonda Murphy introduced our visitors and guests.

Connie Ripley, 2ndVP Programs, introduced the speaker for the meeting, Alice Tripp with the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA). Alice Tripp stated that she is the only registered gun lobbyist at the Texas state capitol. She spoke on the subjects of church and school safety. She talked about the right of Texans to arm themselves in protecting their churches and how schools are getting better at being secure, but we have a ways to go still.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Club President Susan Friedrich called for the approval of the minutes from the last general meeting. 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 \$3959.10 and a current balance of \$4183.29. Sandy stated that we had little activity; however, that we can anticipate some spending coming up as the NWARW will be making some candidate contributions this summer. There being no questions, the treasurer's report will be submitted for review.

1st Vice President, Ann Bradley, announced that the NWARW had a quorum present. She reported 71 active members, 28 Associate members, and 1 Young Affiliate. Ann reminded everyone that our goal is still 75 members. She said that the new member luncheon went very well. She reminded everyone that a summer social is coming up and details TBA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Caring for America Chair, Carolyn Isbell, introduced our April Caring for America project, Happy Birthdays, and guest speaker Founder & Executive Director Suzanne Gladden. Ms Gladden stated that the purpose of the Happy Birthday project is to make sure homeless children and those in foster homes get to celebrate birthdays. Ironically, the project is an accidental happening, but has been a total blessing.

Carolyn stated that the June, July and August Caring for America Projects were TBA.

Campaign Activities- Carolyn Isbell discussed the importance of reporting hours and Susan Friedrich reminded everyone to think of campaign hours as political action activities. Carolyn passed around the clipboard for all to report hours.

Fundraising Chair, Mary Heffernan, reported that the Bakeless-Bake Sale had exceeded her expectation of reaching the goal of \$500. Mary said that she would be working with the executive committee over the summer regarding our summer social.

Hospitality Chairman Elaine Lehmann reminded everyone to report any need to connect with those with a greeting or prayerful need.

Political Action Chair, Carla Birk, talked about the municipal elections among other upcoming election items. She reminded everyone of the runoff election and that we can find more information regarding such on the back of the agenda.

Susan Friedrich once again congratulated those delegates from our club going to the RPT State Convention. Our club has 24 delegates, 1 alternate, and 2 associate men delegates. Susan wished everyone attending to have a great time in San Antonio.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan brought it to the attention of our membership that the club anticipates donating the budgeted \$1000 to candidates this upcoming summer. Susan then recognized Rosemary Edwards. Rosemary made a motion to designate \$500 as the donation amount for our candidates and to have the particulars of the donation worked out at the next executive committee meeting of the NWARW on May 18th and the donation will be made later in May after the run-off election.. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Michele Samuelson to donate the remaining budgeted \$500 to candidates to be decided on by the Executive Committee on May 18th and to be donated in August. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Joyce Melugin announced that former member and past president, Tina Wheelock had passed away. An announcement for funeral and particulars would be forwarded to members.

Calendar of Events:

May 14-May 18-Early Voting

May 18-Executive Committee meeting

May 22-Runoff Election

June 14 – 16 RPT State Convention in San Antonio

June -Summer Social, Details TBA

July 20-TFRW Patron Event, 6:15 Sunset Dinner Cruise & Bat Tour

July 21-TFRW Board meeting 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Susan asked for any announcements; however, it turned into a 'candidate' speech lineup, Candidates present made their speeches.

President Susan Friedrich adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

For NWARW

Olga Lasher