

NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2018

The General Meeting of the Northwest Austin Republican Women (NWARW) was called to order by President Susan Friedrich at 11:46 a.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Dave & Buster's Restaurant.

The Invocation was given by Olga Lasher. Pledges were led by Rosemary Edwards. Since this was our meeting dedicated to our veterans, Rosemary informed all those present that we would be playing military music and asked those present to please rise to their melody.

Rhonda Murphy introduced our visitors and guests.

2ndVP Programs Chairman introduced our speaker for the meeting: Retired Army LTC Vanessa Hicks-Callaway. She was truly an honor to listen to. Her information on where we stand today with the 'three headed dragon' as she very eloquently put it: Globalism, Socialism & worst of all, Ignorance. Her personal service record is truly amazing.

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 \$4364.91 as of October 31, 2018.

1st Vice President, Ann Bradley' report was referred to the back of the agenda. It was reported that we have 87 active members, 32 Assoc and 1 young affiliate. NWARW reported to TFRW on November 1, 2018 a total of 34 active members.

Susan recognized our member Elizabeth Larson on her 96th birthday in September and the group sang Happy Birthday to Elizabeth who was in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism Chair Mary Heffernan- Mary talked about the scrapbook/memory book which she has created in honor of our veterans. Mary emphasized that we should without a doubt do this annually.

Campaign Activities/Caring for America- Carolyn Isbell reported (listed on the back of the agenda) that our 3rd Quarter hours reported were 2237.75 hours, bringing the total for the year to 6394.25 hours. She asks that we look at pages 20-22 of our 2018 directory for more information on reporting hours. You can contact her at disbell@austin.rr.com or 512.923.6262 with your hours or any questions. On Caring for America, we heard from Karah Powel Ricketts

on Rockride for veterans and the amazing work that is being done via the love of horses. For more information on this great organization, you may contact rockride.org

Fundraising Chair, and Oktoberfest Committee Chair, Mary Heffernan, reported on the October Fest. Mary stated that we had raised some \$300+ due mostly to the numerous volunteer efforts. She also reminded everyone that this was an election year and candidates and volunteers were working elsewhere and that may account for the less than hoped attendance. She stated that perhaps next year not being an election year that attendance may be better.

Susan reminded everyone to report any need to connect with Elaine Lehmann, Hospitality Chair, for those with a prayerful need.

Political Action Chair-Carla Birk reminded us that the challenges in electing our 3rd Court of Appeals is a real challenge and a must. She also stated the TCRP is in need of phone banking volunteers and electioneering volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The election of our new officers: President Susan Friedrich called for nominations from the floor. There were none. The slate of officers nominated via the nominations committee: President, Carla Birk; Vice President, Rhonda Murphy; 1st VP Membership, Ann Bradley; 2nd VP Programs, Mary Heffernan; Treasurer & PAC Treasurer, Sandy Woerner; Recording Secretary, Janell Kelton; Corresponding Secretary, Linda Durnin, were elected unanimously and without objection.

Susan Friedrich went down the calendar on the program reminding everyone that information is always on the agenda and our website.

Calendar of Events:

Nov. 11th- Veteran's Day

Nov. 13th- TFRW Statewide Luncheon/Dinner introducing topic of Human Trafficking, 11:30 AM

Nov. 16th- Executive Meeting, Villa Serena Townhome Clubhouse, 11:15 AM

Nov. 22nd-Thanksgiving Day

Dec 3rd-NWARW General Meeting and installation of our 2019 officers

Dec 7th- NWARW Executive Social, Villa Serena Townhome Clubhouse 11:15 AM

Candidates and/or representatives were asked to come and address the club.

Susan called the meeting to adjournment at 11:50 AM. .

NWARW Secretary,

Olga Lasher