

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

President Susan Friedrich opened the meeting at 11:45am at Dave & Busters. The prayer was given by Chris Sale. Facts pertaining to the United States Flag were given followed by the Pledges of Allegiance to both US and Texas flags and the singing of the National Anthem. Veterans in the audience were recognized for their service to their country.

First Vice President Membership Rhonda Murphy recognized guests and candidates. (List of names attached to original minutes.)

Vice President Dr. Rosemary Edwards introduced Dr. Laura Pressley who spoke on Texas County Election Integrity and the status of her lawsuit.

Second Vice President Connie Ripley announced Justice John Devine would install the officers in December and be our speaker.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Officer Reports:

- Minutes were approved as written in the E-News.
- Treasurer Jan Duncan reported a balance of \$3,229.
- Membership Rhonda Murphy reported that as of October 31st the membership was 72 active and 26 associate. She introduced new members and reported Carla Birk was the punch card winner for bringing potential members to the meeting. The Fall Membership Enrollment is now open for 2018. Envelopes with applications were on the table for members to fill in and either mail to treasurer or bring to the December meeting. Dues are \$24 for active and #12 for associates.

TFRW Convention Report:

NWARW Awards

- The Caring For America National Award for Medium Club
- Most Improved Newsletter
- John Goodwin Tower

Congratulations to our own Michele Samuelson on her election as TFRW 2018-2019 VP of Campaign Activities.

The eighteen NWARW members who attended the convention all had a rewarding experience and look forward to the 2019 Convention to be held in Galveston.

Committee Reports:

- Caring for America – Katie Stephens, Co-Chair reported that November's project is school supplies for Dickenson ISD and December will be Purple Santa and Safe Place. She requested suggestions for future activities to be reported to ksburba@gmail.com
- Campaign Activities - Carolyn Isbell encouraged reporting volunteer hours to disbell@austin.rr.com.
- Hospitality – members were encouraged to notify Elaine Lehmann if you know of anyone who is ill or could use a note of encouragement. lehmann@austin.rr.com.
- Legislative – Carla Birk's report was printed on the agenda 1) legislative assistance to areas damaged by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Jose signed by the President. 2) US House passed a budget in late October clearing the way for tax reform legislation. 3) Corporate tax rate

reduction to make American companies more competitive in the global economy is effort of the Republicans. 4) President Trump promises to focus on middle class tax cuts and tax code simplification as well as elimination of the estate (aka “death”) tax. 5) Political yard signs are available upon request.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was read. Nominations from the floor for each office were then called – hearing none - Michele Samuelson moved the slate be approved as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

The 2018 Officers elected are:

President	Susan Friedrich
VP	Rosemary Edwards
1 st VP Membership	Ann Bradley
2 nd VP Programs	Connie Ripley
Recording Secretary	Olga Lasher
Corresponding Secretary	Elaine Lehmann
Treasurer	Sandy Woerner

Candidates/Representatives were invited to give short presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned a 1:01pm.

Julia Johnson, Secretary

