

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**

President Susan Friedrich opened the meeting at 11:45am at Dave & Busters. The prayer was given by Chris Sale. The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags was led by Vice President Dr. Rosemary Edwards.

Rhonda Murphy Vice President/Membership, welcomed elected officials, guests and members (Names attached to original minutes).

President Susan congratulated NWARW member Lauren Day on her appointment by Governor Abbott to the Crime Stoppers 5 member Board. She also proudly announced another member, Peggy Venable, as the new Appointments Director for Governor Abbott.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs Connie Ripley introduced Andi Ball as our speaker. Andi has a vast and varied political background and as the Field Representative to Congressman Roger Williams she gave an in-depth Congressional Update.

Vice-President Dr. Rosemary Edwards announced that Dr. Laura Pressley, former Austin City Council candidate, will be the speaker for the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Officer Reports

- The minutes of the last meeting were published in E-News. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as written.
- Treasurer Jan Duncan reported a past balance of \$3,806 current balance of \$3,263. The report was filed for audit.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Membership Rhonda Murphy reported 71 active and 25 associate members- four short of our goal of 75. New member Peggy Craven had her card punched for bringing a potential member to the meeting. Everyone was challenged to help the club reach its goal.
- Corresponding Secretary Elaine Lehmann always needs reports of members who are ill or need cards of encouragement.

Committee Reports

- Caring for America Co-Chair Kathie Stephens was not present but needs your reported volunteer hours.
- Campaign Activities Chair Carolyn Isbell also passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteer hours.
- Hospitality Chair Elaine Lehmann can always use volunteer greeters for the meetings.
- Legislative concerns continue to be monitored by Jan Duncan and Carla Birk.
- Literacy – The Williamson County Literacy Project Training sign-up sheet was passed around.
- The Dictionary Project will deliver the books to Pillow Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:45. Joyce Melugin offered to affix labels in the books. Anyone willing to help needs to contact President Susan.
- Political Action Chair Carla Birk outlined opposition to the AISD bond proposal which will be up for vote on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and introduced Karen Flannigan who gave a short presentation speaking against the AISD bond. Carla also encouraged Round Rock members to work to collect voter signatures to put the Single Member District issue on their ballot. Early voting for the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> elections begins Oct. 23 through Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Nominations Committee Chair Dr. Rosemary Edward gave the proposed slate of officers for 2018: President Susan Friedrich, VP Rosemary Edwards, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ann Bradley, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Connie Ripley, Recording Sec. Olga Lasher, Corresponding Sec. Elaine Lehmann, Treasurer Sandy Woerner. Election on the Slate and Nominations from the floor will take place at the November meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Susan reported the Dallas TFRW Convention scheduled for Oct. 19-21 will be attended by seven official NWARW delegates and seven alternates. But, guests are still welcome to also attend.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm.

Julia Johnson, Secretary

