

**NORTHWEST AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, SEPT 15, 2017**

President Susan Friedrich called the meeting of the Northwest Austin Republican Women Executive Committee to order at 11:40AM in the Conference Room of Westminster. Members in attendance were Elaine Lehmann, Dr. Rosemary Edwards, Joyce Melugin, Carla Birk, Linda Berezin, Maggie Slocum, Jan Duncan, Rhonda Murphy, Connie Ripley, Ann Bradley, Susan Friedrich.

The minutes of the last Executive Meeting had not been distributed to the Executive Committee. Susan urged everyone to read them on the website where they are posted and contact her if there are any corrections.

Officer Reports:

- President Susan – asked for volunteers at the TFRW office Thursday, Sept 21st at 10:00 AM as requested by Cindi McIntyre to help write thank you notes to TFRW members who had sent gift cards for Harvey victims – anyone interested to contact Susan and she will let Cindi know; also discussed volunteer opportunity to help Cindi organize the office.
- 1VP – Membership – Rhonda reported 71 active and 24 associate members – need 4 more by Oct. to reach our goal of 75. Incentives for early enrollment are in effect. Membership statewide has been affected by Harvey and the clubs affected in the Houston and coastal area. Rhonda stated the need for more people to help direct members and guests coming into the meeting to sign-up since many are not signing in.
Rhonda presented the updated membership application and stated that renewals for 2018 will begin at the November meeting; urged members to renew early in November for 2018.
Rhonda mentioned the Rattan Festival on Sept 23 and urged members to sign up.
- 2VP – Programs – Connie –contacting possible speakers for October and November – hoping to get a congressional report. Not much luck so far getting any responses.
- Treasurer – Jan – Reported same balance of \$3,806 as at General meeting.
- Corresponding Sec’y – Elaine – thank you notes sent to the two speakers at 9/11 meeting; will send a congratulations card to Patrick McGuinness who was named Vice Chair Travis Rep Party.

Committee Reports:

- Awards – Susan reviewed Awards entered and will be announced at TFRW Convention
- Campaign Activities – report to Carolyn for 3rd quarter due end of September.
- Caring for America – recapped Katie’s summary given at 9/11 meeting; talked about opportunities at Austin Disaster Relief Network; hours due end of Sept to Katie.
- Fundraising – discussed possibility of having a Fundraiser for some candidate after the primaries.
- Hospitality – Elaine – always a need for more greeters; Exec Com urged to greet and direct people; Rhonda will give Elaine a list of members who she can contact and ask if they will greet at the front of D&B; continue to add to e-News requesting greeters.
- Legislative – discussed deadlines for candidates to register.
- Literacy - Ann is coordinating the volunteers for Constitution Day meeting at Pillow Elementary on Monday, Sept 18th, 9:00 AM.
Ann will coordinate volunteers to deliver dictionaries to Pillow Elementary 3rd graders on date set Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9:00 AM.
- Nominations Committee – Rosemary – reported a Recording Secretary still needed.

- Political Action – Carla – is attending the Abbott Academy; stated that the RRISD petition drive needs 300 volunteers to get the 15,000 signatures needed.
- Telephone – Joyce – has made the adjustments needed for callers and recipients of calls.

Unfinished Business:

- B&W Ad ¼ page ad purchased at special price offered by TFRW to put in the Souvenir Convention Program congratulating Michele. Cassie did a beautiful job designing ad.

New Business:

- Convention – Dallas – Omni Hotel – Thursday, Oct. 19-21, 2017. Leadership Workshop on the 18th. 7 Delegates & 7 Alternates were submitted to TFRW on Sept 11th on Credentialing Form. Those Delegates are: Jan Duncan, Ann Bradley, Peggy Venable, Mary Heffernan, Joyce Melugin, Sandy Woerner & Susan Friedrich. Alternates are: Lynette Heppner, Carla Birk, Elaine Lehmann, Carolyn Isbell, Rhonda Murphy, Nubia Devine, & Sheri Radomsky. Early Registration Ends today, Sept 15th; price increases to \$250 after the 15th. Discussed making a reservation for dinner Thursday evening for all our Club attendees. Rhonda suggested an email be sent regarding what to pack and wear for those who have not experienced a TFRW Convention.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Julia Johnson, Secretary
By Susan Friedrich