

**Northwest Austin Republican Women Minutes  
General Meeting – Monday, September 11, 2017**

President Susan Friedrich opened the meeting at 11:45AM. Ann Bradley delivered the prayer and Connie Ripley led the US Pledge and the Texas Pledge.

Rhonda Murphy recognized the elected officials and guests. (Names Attached)

President called on Katie Stephens for the Caring of American Committee Report. She encouraged everyone to participate by helping with Hurricane Harvey Relief for Sept. and Oct. A new project will be announced at the November meeting. Project suggestions are welcomed.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Programs Connie Ripley introduced Shirley Martinez and Ruby Manen to share with us their experiences on Sept. 11, 2001 – the day the Pentagon was attacked. The presentation was very moving.

The business portion of the meeting continued with approval of the minutes of the May meeting. Followed by Treasurer Jan Duncan reporting that the previous balance was \$3,682 and the current balance is \$3,806.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership Rhonda Murphy reported 69 active and 25 associate members. As the First Young Affiliate Member of the NWARW, Madison Pakenham was presented with an official membership certificate and a bouquet of flowers.

President Susan reported that the club has submitted applications for the Caring For America, John Goodwin Tower, Most Improved Newsletter, and Best Newsletter Awards.

Campaign Activities – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter hours need to be reported to Carolyn Isbell, [disbell@austin.rr.com](mailto:disbell@austin.rr.com).  
Caring for America – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter hours due to Katie Stephens, [ksburba@gmail.com](mailto:ksburba@gmail.com).

Fundraising Committee reports the September Tea has been canceled, but with the hope of rescheduling at a later date.

Hospitality Chair Elaine Lehmann requests notification of anyone who is ill or could use a note of encouragement. [lehmann@austin.rr.com](mailto:lehmann@austin.rr.com)

Legislative Committee presented a written report on the Special Session of the Texas Legislature.

On behalf of Sandy Woerner, VP Rosemary Edwards brought attention to the Williamson County Literacy Council handout which explained a fall training session for volunteers. Contact [SFWoerner@att.net](mailto:SFWoerner@att.net) for more information.

The Constitution Project will be held at Pillow Elementary on Monday, Sept. 18.

The Dictionary Project will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Pillow Elementary.

Carla Birk Political Action Chair reported that Edmund Buckley with the RRISD Parents & Taxpayers group will discuss their petition drive and the need for volunteers to collect signatures. She encouraged members to consider applying for current vacancies for Republican Precinct Chairs. Information is

available at <http://www.traviscountygop.org/get-involved/be-a-precinct-chair.html>. Carla can be reached at [Carla.terp@gmail.com](mailto:Carla.terp@gmail.com).

Nomination Committee Chair Rosemary Edwards reported the slate of proposed officers as of this date: President – Susan Friedrich; VP - Rosemary Edwards; 1<sup>st</sup>VP Membership – Ann Bradley; 2<sup>nd</sup>VP Programs – Connie Ripley; Corresponding Sec. – Elaine Lehmann; and Treasurer – Sandy Woerner. Recording Sec. has not been filled. Final report will be presented in October followed by the election in November.

**New Business:**

President Susan reported the TFRW Convention will be held in Dallas Oct. 19-21 and NWARW is entitled to seven delegates and seven alternates. Jan Duncan, Ann Bradley Peggy Venable, Mary Heffernan, Joyce Melugin, Sandy Woerner and Susan Friedrich have indicated their desire to be Delegates. Rhonda Murphy moved they be the approved Delegates, motion seconded and passed. Lynette Heppner, Carla Birk, Elaine Lehmann, Carolyn Isbell, Rhonda Murphy, Nubia Devine and Sheri Radomsky have indicated their desire to be chosen as Alternates. Dr. Rosemary Edwards moved they be the approved Alternates, motion seconded and carried. President Susan reminded that other members interested in attending may register as guests.

Candidates for public office were invited to come forward to make short presentations. (Names Attached).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM by President Susan.

*Julia Johnson*  
Recording Secretary