

Minutes
STAR Republican Women General Meeting
September 16, 2014

SRW President Charlotte Hewitt convened the September 16, 2014 General Meeting of the STAR Republican Women at 1:00 p.m. after those present enjoyed a light lunch.

Charlotte thanked Hospitality Chairmen Pat McMurtrie and Judy Patterson for arranging for the complimentary luncheon and contributors Virginia McCoy, Kathryn McCabe, Claudia Haydon, Annette Burton, Charlotte Hewitt, Joy Van der Pool, Kathy Hussey, Mary Lou Kromer and Donna Stevens.

Chaplain Trudy Stucky led those present in prayer. An Honor Guard presented the U.S. and Texas flags and led pledges of allegiance.

Charlotte welcomed new members, guests, elected officials and candidates, including: Marci Haderl, Llano County Clerk; Craig Haydon, Horseshoe Bay City Councilman; and Steve Jordan, Horseshoe Bay Mayor.

Vice President Donna Stevens introduced Bryce Gage, director of the Marble Falls High School Chamber singers. The group performed a medley of patriotic songs and was rewarded with a standing ovation for their performance.

Donna then introduced guest speaker Andi Ball, former chief of staff to First Lady Laura Bush and current field director for Congressman Roger Williams. Andi, also a member of SRW, shared her memories of the 9/11 tragedies, providing a special perspective from her position in the White House. Those in attendance provided a standing ovation at the conclusion of Andi's remarks. In appreciation for her speech, Donna announced that an NFRW-recommended book, "The Muslims are Coming," would be donated in Andi's name to the Kingsland Library.

Charlotte said the minutes from the last general meeting and the treasurer's report were available on the Information Table if anyone wanted to review them. She reported that SRW has 162 regular members and 64 associate members for a total of 226. Charlotte then called for Committee reports.

Donna Stevens, Program Committee Chairman, announced that five of the six Third Court of Appeals Justices will speak at the October 21 general meeting. The five Republican justices are: Jeff Rose, Scott Field, Melissa Goodwin, David Puryear and Bob Pemberton.

PAC Treasurer Louraine Robertson reported that SRW has funds available to contribute to candidates in state races. She said that a committee comprised of Louraine, Cynthia Jackson, Tommy Kepner, Charlotte and Ron Hewitt developed a proposal to contribute \$9,000 to 17 candidates and one organization. Louraine reviewed the details of the proposal with those in attendance and moved that it be approved. The motion was seconded and the membership approved the plan.

Charlotte announced that a Nominating Committee needs to be formed to develop a slate of officer nominees for 2015, and she asked for nominations from the floor. The following were nominated and approved to serve on the committee: Tomi MacDonald, Annette Burton, Tommy Kepner, Claudia Haydon and Kathy Jones.

Charlotte reminded everyone that early voting starts on Oct. 20 and encouraged all to vote in the election.

She adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Kromer, SRW Secretary