

Minutes
STAR Republican Women General Meeting
May 20, 2014

SRW President Charlotte Hewitt convened the May 20 General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. after those present enjoyed a light lunch. Jolene Hawkins, Highland Lakes Republican Women president, led the group in prayer. Gloria Blanton, Burnet County Republican Women president, led pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas.

Charlotte thanked Pat McMurtrie and Judy Patterson for arranging for the complimentary luncheon and contributors Marion Gardner, Petey Inks, Lyn Jenkins and Joy Vander Pool.

Charlotte welcomed new members, guests, elected officials and candidates, including:

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Marci Hadeler, Llano County Clerk; Becky Lang, Llano County Attorney; Linda Bayless, Burnet County Court at Law Judge; and Donna Wilcox, Chairman, Burnet County Republican Party.

CANDIDATES: Don Zimmerman, PEC Board of Directors; Emily Pataki, PEC Board of Directors; Bebe Piatt, Llano JP, Pct. 1; Lyn Jenkins, Llano JP, Pct. 1; and Andrew Murr, State Representative, Dist. 53.

SPECIAL GUEST: Sara Nelson, a student from Marble Falls High School, who is leading an effort to organization a young Republicans club in Marble Falls.

First Vice President Donna Stevens introduced guest speaker Cathy Patterson a sponsor liaison of High School Republicans of Texas, an official auxiliary of the Republican Party of Texas. HSRT's primary objective is to educate youth about the GOP and the political process. Mrs. Patterson talked about how to organize and support young Republican clubs, providing tips on what to do and what not to do. She referred the audience to www.hsrtx.org, a website that features information that would be useful in helping students organize and manage a chapter. Donna Stevens thanked Mrs. Patterson and announced that an SRW-selected book (*First Principles* by John Taylor) would be donated to a local library with a note in the book dedicating the donation to Mrs. Patterson.

Donna announced that the September 16 SRW General Meeting will feature guest speaker and SRW member Andi Ball, former chief of staff to First Lady Laura Bush.

Charlotte noted that the Treasurer's Report was available on the information table for anyone to review.

Caring for America Co-Chairman Tricia Burcham provided an update on SRW's project supporting the Wounded Warriors. She reminded everyone of art supplies that were needed and that donations of such supplies, as well as cash to buy suppliers will be accepted through the end of 2014.

Campaign Activities Committee Chairman Tomi MacDonald reported that SRW had recorded 818 volunteer hours for the first quarter of 2014 and reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours to her for the second quarter in July.

Literacy Committee Member Sandra Morehart reported that SRW had launched a book drive to help provide books to local libraries, schools and other institutions, including women's shelters, correctional centers and crisis centers. The books will be collected through September, which is Literacy Month. She requested children's books, children's drawing books, books in Spanish and paperback books.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Marion Gardner reported that the April 29 fundraiser grossed approximately \$10,800. She announced that a Summer Social is set for August 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hurd Estate in Horseshoe Bay.

Charlotte thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to take action to Keep Texas Red. She adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Kromer, SRW Secretary