

Salado Area Republican Women
General Meeting September 22, 2022

WELCOME: Brenda Howard Called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. at the Civic Center. Janice Morin gave the invocation. Pledges were led by Kate McKinley. Special guests, and elected officials were introduced.

The minutes from April 28, 2022 meeting were posted on the web and approved as posted.

TREASURER REPORT: Diane Balady, reported an ending balance of \$6,266.11, a savings balance of \$3,039.02 for a total of \$9,306.13. She also let us know that the Helping Hands food bank has thousands families that they are serving, so please donate.

AMERICANISM PROJECT: Kate McKinley and Michele Hercules, Legislative Chair, presented our “In God We Trust” project. The National Motto Project has legislative backing and all schools in Texas are allowed to display our National Motto. They presented framed posters to Haley Worsdale, Senior at Salado ISD and posters for Holland ISD, for placement in both schools.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Sherril Gardipee introduced our speakers, Mack Latimer, Bell County Republican Chairman and Representative Brad Buckley, Dist. #54, Texas House of Representatives. Both spoke about the upcoming election, GOTV and the upcoming legislative session.

FUNDRAISING: Barclay McCort informed everyone about the Poinsettia sales for our scholarship fund.

MEMBERSHIP: Brenda Keller was absent but Brenda Howard reported 113 members. This month ends the 2022 membership year and our new membership year starts in October. Our goal is to top our previous year membership numbers.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES: Christie Justice handed out sheets for reporting hours and explained that the first quarter reporting is due. The winner of the most hours for last quarter was Elain Herrick and she received a free lunch.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Nominations: The committee was presented to the membership. The committee consists of Barclay McCort, Shirley Stephenson, Nancy Norris (Alternate) and Bonnie Conway (non board member). Nominations were requested from the floor and there were none. A motion was made by Sherril Gardipee to accept the Nominations committee as presented and the motion was seconded by Diane Balady. The motion passed. The committee was able to meet and appoint Barclay McCort as Chairwoman.

In addition, they also provided a slate of officers and the slate was presented to the membership. Brenda Howard, President, Sherril Gardipee, First Vice President, Brenda Keller, Second Vice President, Barclay McCort, Third Vice President, Diane Balady, Treasurer, and Kathy McLeod, Secretary.

Bylaws Chairwoman, Barbara Swarthout presented the revised Bylaws, which were approved by the board. She explained, to the membership, that changes were made to make sure that our processes are aligned closely with Texas Federation of Republican Women Bylaws. The draft Bylaws were emailed to the membership. Barbara Swarthout moved that the Bylaws be accepted by the membership and Michele Melsha seconded the motion. The motion passed and the Bylaws were accepted by the membership. Barbara Swarthout will submit the Bylaws to TFRW, legal team for approval.

Announcements: As Attached

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Brenda Howard, President

September 29, 2022

Attachment:

Announcements:

- Sep 24** Bell County Republican “Party for the Party” Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m.
Ten Roc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado
Dinner and Silent Auction
- Sep 26** Bell County Young Republicans
Johnny’s, Salado at 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 6** Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 7** SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Salado Library, Conference Room
- Oct 14** Original Pints and Politics Reunion, Deadfish Grill, 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Barb and Dave Swarthout and Michele Melsha
- Oct 17** CTRW, Chili Fundraiser, 11:00 a.m.
Champions Club Expo
Featured Speaker: Cecilia Abbott with Pancake and Peaches
RSVP: 10/13/22 \$25
Email: Mabeasley62@gmail.com
- Oct 18** Central Texas Tea Party – Harris Community Center, Belton 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 27** SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center
Lesli Fitzpatrick for Justice Third Court of Appeals, Place 4
We must take back our courts with conservative values!
RSVP: 10/20/22 sherril.gardipee@gmail.com \$20

Voter Registration Drives:

Salado High School: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – Kate McKinley, Barclay McCort and Nancy Norris

Critical Races for our area:

Texas Third District Court of Appeals Place 4, Lesli Fitzpatrick

State Rep 54, Brad Buckley

State Rep 55, Hugh Shine

Bell County Court at Law #2, Judge John Mischian

Bell County Commissioner Precinct #2, Bobby Whitson

Bell County Commissioner Precinct #4, Chris Bray

Bell County Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, Place 2, Steve Harris

Volunteer Opportunities:

Texas Republican Voter Engagement

Please sign up to make phone calls! Use this link to sign up. It takes about 3 days to get your logon information, set up a password and watch the short training. Please keep track of your phone calls and report them with your Political Activities Hours. You can do this at home!

<https://txvoterengagement.com/10k-for-10r-signup/>

Bell County Volunteer Opportunities:

Judges and Clerks: Jeff Howard: jeffshoward58@gmail.com

Poll Watchers: Sherry Eller: saeller219@att.net

Ballot Board: Jeffrey Ware: polelec@yahoo.com

For other opportunities, fill out the Volunteer Form on the Bell County Republican website:

<https://www.belltxgop.org/>

November 8, 2022 – General Election Information

Important Election Dates

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Election Day

Tuesday, October 11 - Last Day to Register to Vote

Early Voting

- Monday, October 24 to Friday, October 28 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, October 29 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Sunday, October 30 - 12:00 pm (noon) - 6:00 pm
- Monday, October 31 to Friday, November 4 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 28 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not postmarked)