

SARW BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2024

WELCOME: President Brenda Howard called the meeting to order at 10:00 at the Salado Public Library. A quorum was present that included the following: Brenda Howard, Evelyn Matthews, Nancy Norris, Barclay McCort, Lynne Wilton, Barb Swarthout, Shirley Stephenson, Sherril Gardipee, Katherine Krska, Diane Balady, Kate McKinley, Christie Justice, and Karin Berg.

SECRETARY: Evelyn Matthews: With no changes or additions to the minutes of the March 1, 2024 meeting, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER: Nancy Norris: Beginning March 1, we had a checkbook balance of \$13,731.31. Total disbursements were \$1924.75. The CD balance as of March 31 was \$3054.04. Our grand total bank balance as of March 31, 2024 was \$16,288.30.

FIRST VP OF PROGRAMS: Sherril Gardipee: Our next scheduled meeting is on April 25, 2024 at 11:30 at the Salado Civic Center. The speaker will be Dr. Eric Bruntmyer and he will speak about aggressive politics.

SECOND VP OF MEMBERSHIP: Katherine Krska: We currently have 51 primary members, 30 secondary members and 1 honorary member for a total of 82 members.

THIRD VP OF FUNDRAISING: Barclay McCort: The Fine China Luncheon is scheduled for June 4, 2024. Barclay encouraged members to sell tickets and help get auction items donated. We now have a total of 26 tables that will be decorated for the luncheon.

NEWSLETTER: Barb Swarthout: The deadline for the next newsletter is April 24, 2024. Barb asked for pictures to be sent to her for the newsletter.

AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA: Kate McKinley: No report

PUBLICITY: Barclay McCort: Barclay encouraged membership to help spread the word about the Fine China Luncheon and she will be putting information in the local paper about the luncheon. She distributed tickets to the members who attended the meeting.

HOSPITALITY: Karen Berg: LaLuncheonette will cater the next SARW Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2024. Members are encouraged to RSVP for this meeting so Karen can get an accurate count to the caterer.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES: Christie Justice: Members are reminded to turn in their volunteer hours to Christie.

PAC: Fayann Ridgley: Absent

CHAPLAIN: Shirley Stephenson: We continue to pray for our country and our membership.

LEGISLATIVE: Michelle Hercules: Absent

SCHOLARSHIP: Diane Balady: We will be presenting scholarships to deserving Salado High School students. The deadline for submitting applications is April 22, 2024.

TECHNOLOGY: Michele Melsa: Barb Swarthout spoke for Michele and reported that Facebook page contains updated information and she encouraged members to help spread the word.

PARLIAMENTARIAN/BYLAWS: Lynne Wilton: No report

OLD BUSINESS: The Fine China Luncheon venue cost will be handled by Brad Buckley and program printing costs will be covered by Cliff Coleman. The beautiful hand carved jewelry box was presented at the meeting held on March 28, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barb Swarouth and Brenda Howard will attend Canva Training at the Salado Public Library on April 10, 2024.
- Lynne Wilton was appointed as co-chair of the Americansim/Caring for America Committee.
- A motion was made by Kate McKinley and seconded by Barclay McCort to donate \$200 out of our Americanism Fund to the Border Care Project to help our border patrol. The motion passed.
- Donation cans will be on the tables at our next meeting to help Hardin-Simmons University.
- Barb Swarouth asked the membership if they preferred a shorter newsletter, but the members didn't want that.
- Christie Justice suggested that the words to the Texas Pledge and State Song be printed in the program at the next meeting.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2024 at the Salado Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM

Respectively Submitted:

Evelyn Matthews, Secretary

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Brenda Howard, President

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