President Paul Cwiklik called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM, and welcomed everyone. He mentioned the good rain the city had recently. There were no guests. There were two new members (Terrie De La Garza and Patrick Darcey). This month’s Hearts of NSARTA were Harold Black and Sarah McGrew. Both of their biographies can be read in the January newsletter. Michele Bibb interviews the members for the Hearts of NSARTA. A huge thank you once again to the 13 members of the hospitality committee and to the two registrars (Pat Loewe and Eddy English.). Sarah Villarreal gave the invocation. Judy Lynn led the group to the flag pledges. Six members were honored for their January birthdays. Eddy English presented each of them with a birthday scroll. Paul thanked everyone for the Wine and the Paesano’s gift card given to him at the Christmas luncheon.

Officer Reports: Minutes of the November 16th meeting were available for review. The minutes were accepted (as amended) and written by Recording Secretary Sue Sim, presented this day by Carolyn Pfeiffer (Sue Sim was absent—in the hospital). Treasurer Carolyn Pfeiffer went over her report that was then approved and will be filed. Registrar Patricia Loewe reported that 47 members had signed in today. Corresponding Secretary Barbara Yates sent out 3 cards this past month.

2nd V-P/Program Chair Peggy Peterson began the People Bingo/Zip Code Bingo as the program for January. It was mentioned that there are 49 different zip codes represented by our NSARTA membership. It was a fun game which everyone enjoyed. Paul Cwiklik and Deanna Van Pelt started off the program with 3 winter songs (everyone joined in). The People Bingo brought everyone together in conversation. There were 4 winners. Then the zip code bingo brought everyone together in groups to discuss a questionnaire about the NSARTA meetings (past and future) and meet-ups (volunteering and social).

Unfinished Business: Paul Cwiklik reminded the group about the March 1 deadline for the TRTA State convention registration. He also mentioned the red shirts final call for rally day on March 29 in Austin.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: Harold Black reported that we have 272 members.

Hospitality: Barbara Roth and Linda Nolder and their committee did a great job today. The theme was snowmen. The food was delicious.
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Legislation: Carlos Ortiz said he had been in Austin on Tues. January 10 to visit the state capital and representatives.

Health Care: Eddy English handed out a poem on “Achievement” by Ralph Waldo Emerson. She read it to the membership. It related to being successful.

Retirement Education: No report

Stitchery Group: No report

Info/Protective Services: Elise Townsend said to be aware of phone calls relating to reducing of credit card debt.

Children’s Book Drive: Nancy Dooley reminded us that J.B. Passmore Elementary(NISD) will be awarded books again this year in May, 2017.

Membership Benefits: Deanna Van Pelt reminded us as of 1-1-2017 we are on Humana Health Ins.—no longer AETNA. Some people have had trouble with the transfer.

Community Volunteer Services: Sue Winebrenner reminded us that she needs everyone’s volunteer hours by January 25. She has to turn in a report to the state in February.

Announcements: Newsletter, Door Prizes--Newsletter deadline is Friday, February 3rd. Five door prizes were given out by President Paul Cwiklik. Four prizes were added out to the winners of the People Bingo game by 2nd V-P Peggy Peterson.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. by our President Paul Cwiklik.

Submitted by:

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