A. Call to order and Welcome: Paul Cwiklik, President @ 10:02 AM

1. Chaplain, Sarah Villarreal gave the invocation.
2. Immediate Past President Judy Lynn led us in the flag pledges.
3. For our Veteran’s Day Observance, Paul acknowledged NSARTA member veteran’s, their spouses, and spouses of deceased veterans; everyone sang “God Bless America”.
4. Paul then acknowledged:
   a. Three (3) legislative guests
   b. Two (2) new members
   c. Hearts of NSARTA: Caroline Pfeiffer, Sara Villarreal
   d. Registrars and Hospitality Committee
   e. Birthday celebrations for the months of October and November; a group photo was taken.

B. Officers Reports:

1. Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes of the October program, which were accepted into the record with correction.
2. Carolyn Pfeiffer presented the treasurer’s report which was accepted and filed for the record. She also noted that 42 members had signed up for the Christmas luncheon and that $500 in member donations was previously collected for the Sutherland Springs TX tragedy. The money will be sent to the Wilson County RTA for appropriate distribution to those in need.
3. Registrar Patricia Loewe recorded 60 members in attendance.
4. Corresponding Secretary Barbara Yates sent out one sympathy card.

C. Program: Legislative Representative Carlos Ortiz, introduced our visiting legislators: Texas Representatives Diana Arevelo (District 116), Diego Bernal (District 123), and Texas Representative Ina Minjares (District 124). Carlos moderated a question and answer discussion.

D. Unfinished Business:

1. Parliamentarian Glennie Lecocke read the applicable Bylaws section dealing with the nomination/election of officers.
2. Immediate Past President Judy Lynn announced the names of nominating committee members – Eddy English, Diana Sarfin, Kay Kelly, and Pat Unruh. Judy will chair the committee.

E. New Business: Paul Cwiklik gave an update on the April convention and said that Judy Lynn will be signing up members to serve at the reservation desk starting in January.

F. Committee/Activity Reports:

1. Membership/Historian/Yearbook: Harold Black said all year books had been mailed out to members who had paid their dues by the September meeting.
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2. Programs: Peggy Peterson talked about –
   a. the Elf Louise Gift Wrapping activity from noon to 2 PM on Monday, November 27, and on Tuesday, November 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM stuffing envelopes, also for Elf Louise.
   b. The Christmas luncheon music program will be presented by one of the NEISD elementary schools. We will also have our own sing-a-long caroling.
   c. Meetups – A happy hour was scheduled for December 6 at Tribeca on McCullough in Olmos Park from 3:30-5:30 PM. (THIS ACTIVITY WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER).

3. Health Care: Eddy English

4. Retirement Education: Bertha Villarreal Colunga talked about the various groups she has been speaking to about TRTA/NSARTA membership.

5. Info/Protective Services: Elise Townsend reminded us to beware of phone and mail scams.

6. Children’s Book Drive: Sherlyn Valentin encouraged members to continue bring books and to remember the place monetary donations in the baskets at each table.

7. Community Volunteer Services: Janet Pennock said she would accept volunteer hours at the December program.

G. Thanksgiving Day Observance: Paul Cwiklik read Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 Proclamation.

H. Door Prizes were awarded.

I. Announcements: Newsletter Deadline is Nov 30 for the December edition. Paul addressed some of the telephone questions he and Judy Lynn have been dealing with concerning TRS-Care. Members need to READ both the Medicare and insurance company booklets sent to them in the mail.

J. Paul Cwiklik adjourned the meeting at 12:23 PM.

Submitted by,

Suzanne Sim

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