

## **NSARTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM MINUTES– NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

### **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 Lecoche 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*

Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary