

## MINUTES OF NSARTA MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2017

**President Paul Cwiklik** called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Chaplain Sarah Villarreal** delivered the invocation. **Immediate Past President Judy Lynn** led us in the pledges to the US and TX flags.

**Paul Cwiklik** acknowledged guests, new members, visitors, and the **Hearts of NSARTA (Peggy Peterson and Carlos Ortiz)**. He also acknowledged the registrars and hospitality committee for a great job in welcoming today's attendees. As is customary, we celebrated the birthdays of six attendees for the month of October.

The special guests for the day were introduced: **District 20 President Barbara Soto; Texas Senator Jose Menendez (District 126); Texas Representatives Philip Cortez (District 117) and Justin Rodrigues (District 125); and Suzanne Benson representing the Educator Voter Registration Initiative (EVRI).**

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**Suzanne Sim, Recording Secretary:** Minutes the September 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted for file with corrections. **Carolyn Pfeiffer, Treasurer:** The current status report was reviewed, accepted without correction, and filed for audit. **Registrar Pat Loewe:** 7 new members joined at this meeting.

**PROGRAM – PART 1: Suzanne Benson and Sybil Morgan of EVRI** explained the organization's program of going into the classrooms of high schools to registrar eligible students to register to vote. They offered NSARTA members the opportunity to volunteer for this worthwhile project. They handed out a list of the proposed Texas State Constitution Amendments up for voters' approval in the fall elections. **Paul Cwiklik** also provided copies of a *San Antonio Express-News* editorial on the school principal's responsibility to sign up seniors for voter registration.

**PROGRAM – PART 2: Carlos Ortiz** formally introduced each of the legislators who then gave a brief opening statement. **Carlos** proceeded to moderate an issue/response round followed by questions from the audience. Primary focus was on TRS-Care, the pension fund, and use of the "rainy-day fund". **State Representative Tomas Uresti** joined the group late in the session.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Paul Cwiklik** announced the names of the delegates for the April 2018 TRTA Convention. **Primaries: Paul, Harold Black, Peggy Peterson, Sue Sim, and Carlos Ortiz.** Carolyn Pfeiffer will be a District 20 primary. **Eddy English and Betty Moseley will be alternates.**

**Judy Lynn** sought and got one additional volunteer to serve on the nominating committee for the 2018-2020 state of officers. Committee members will be announced at the November meeting.

**Paul** announced we will need **36 volunteers to staff the convention registration desk. Judy Lynn will be in charge of signing them up starting at the January meeting.**

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The **District 20 Fall Conference** is **Oct. 26th** in **Boerne, Texas**. **Registration begins at 9:30 AM** with the program beginning at **10:00 AM**. **The October 6 refund deadline has passed.**

In August, the NSARTA Board approved changing the date for the **Christmas luncheon** from December 20 to **December 13**, because the 20<sup>th</sup> was too close to Christmas, and we could not engage any school entertainment because of district blackout dates. **Cash or checks for \$21.00 per person can be given to Carolyn Pfeiffer by the end of the November meeting. Checks should be payable to NSARTA.**

### COMMITTEE/ACTIVITY REPORTS:

**Membership:** Paul said that **235 members had paid their dues for this year by the time the directory went to press.** We will print approximately 260 directories in anticipation of gaining additional renewals and new members.

**Programs – Meet UPS:** Oct 27, San Antonio Food Bank, 9-1:30 (contact Peggy Peterson); a social happy hour will be scheduled in November – date, time, place to be announced; and Dec 7 at Elf Louise, 12 noon-2 PM. 20 volunteers needed. **Call Peggy at (210) 373-3961.**

**Legislative:** Carlos expanded on some of the earlier discussion with legislators.

**Health Care:** Eddy English presented a fitness email and a fun “Guess What?”

**Info/Protective Services:** Elise Townsend reminded us that **“Tis the season for scams!”**

**Member Benefits:** Deanna Van Pelt echoed “scams” and reminded us all to look at the “Voice” for new membership benefits.

**Children’s Book Drive:** Nancy Dooley received 11 personal cards from Passmore Elementary School for the books we gave to all the children there.

**Community Volunteer Services:** Janet Pennock reminded us to not forget to add up volunteer hours as she will turn in the unit report in January.

**Announcements:** Newsletter articles need to be in to **Betty Moseley by November 2.** Door prizes were awarded.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM by President Paul Cwiklik.

Submitted by

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