

Central Texas Republican Women PAC

General Membership Meeting

September 16, 2024

Harris Community Center Belton, TX

1. Meeting called to order by CTRW President Janet Brown at 11:30 am. She welcomed guests and members. CTRW Chaplain Rebecca Tong gave the Invocation. Lunch was served.
2. Opening ceremonies began at 11:50 am. The pledges to the flags of the United States and the State of Texas were led by CTRW Americanism Chair Michele Weisman.
3. CTRW President Janet Brown introduced elected officials, candidates, and guests.
4. The Minutes of the August 19, 2024 meeting were approved and filed.
5. CTRW Treasurer Wanita Reeder presented the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$12,051.52.
6. CTRW 2nd VP Membership Chair Marlean Druce gave the Membership Report. We currently have 147 Primary Members and 58 Associate Members for a total of 205. The 2025 Membership drive kicks off October 1 with the Texas Candidate Round-up and Membership Launch at Mikeska's Bar-B-Q in Temple. During the drive from October 1-15, annual membership dues for Primary/Associate members are reduced to \$25 and Patron Memberships are \$150.
7. CTRW President Janet Brown announced that a Nominating Committee of 6 members is being assembled to present the 2025 Slate of Officers. Discussion followed. Motion made by Linda Atkins and seconded by Rebecca Tong for the following committee members – Marlean Druce, Celeste Zadnicek, Sandra McCleney, Marilyn Beasley, Jackie McLaughlin, and Natalie Austin.
8. CTRW 1st VP Linda Atkins introduced our Keynote Speaker, Glenn Hegar, Texas State Comptroller. Mr. Hegar gave a spirited overview of Texas' economic state. We face challenges as the "Hub for Business" with 1,100 – 1,300 new people moving here every day. We continue to be a global economic opportunity that invites growth. We are currently the 8th largest economy in the world. Our challenge is to keep our values for the next generations.
9. CTRW Political Activities Chair Christina Demirs shared an overview of the value of our volunteer hours. She reminded that each hour is "worth" \$33.44. It is vitally important that we report hours and phone contacts each quarter with the next reporting due October 5th.
10. CTRW Political Activities Chair Christina Demirs introduced our Guest Speaker Jeff Howard, Bell County Republican Party Elections Administrator. Mr. Howard gave an update of the state of the elections in Bell County. Updates have been put into place that will enhance ballot security and improve the overall voting process.
11. CTRW Hospitality Chair Sandra McCleney reminded everyone that the annual Chili Lunch Fundraiser and Live Auction will be held on October 15 at the Harris Community Center. Doors will open at 11:00 am. Nick Adams, Founder of the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness, will be our guest speaker. Volunteers are needed.
12. CTRW President Janet Brown shared announcements. The next meeting is the Chili Lunch on October 15 at the Harris Community Center in Belton.
13. CTRW President Janet Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burchfield, Secretary
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