**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 25, 2022**

PRESENT: Doug Skemp, President-Elect; Brian Hasenbauer, Vice President; Judy Garrett, Vice President Membership; Caren Cool, Vice President-Elect Activities; Tim Sexton, Treasurer; Debbie Overby, Secretary; Rhonda Green, Phone Committee Chair; and Joan Covici, Sunshine Committee Chair.

Doug convened the meeting at 6:05 pm. Brian explained the order of the meeting and we began.

The first order of business would be for the committee to approve the minutes of the March Executive Meeting, but Debbie forgot to bring them. She will email to the board and we will approve at the next board meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Judge Doug Skemp)

Doug said he was sorry for the reason but glad to step in to fill out Dale’s term as President of the club, and glad to see some new faces at the table. Because he had not been sworn in as President, and neither had Caren Cool as Vice President of Activities, Rhonda provided the oath and Debbie led them in the swearing in process. We can repeat this process at the meeting in June to be official.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer)

Brian said the March meeting went very well. The two speakers Kathryn Balzan, Chairperson of the City of Dallas Environmental Commission (in person), and Paula Day, commission member (over Zoom), were very informative. We may want to ask Paula back some time to speak in person.

May 14 - White Rock Lake Cleanup, Bath House Cultural Center, 10-11 am

Debbie will bring equipment. Brian posted this to the Roundup.

May 21 - LHWR Democrats Picnic at Lake Highlands North Recreation Center, 11 am -1 pm.

Detailed discussion to follow under New Business.

June 18 - LHWR Democrats monthly meeting (at The Point at C.C. Young)

Tim is to confirm that we have that room reserved.

Brian suggested the topic of Juneteenth (the next day, June 19).

Suggested speakers were: Eddie Bernice Johnson, Jasmine Crockett, Lee Merritt, Ron Kirk, Royce West, and Opal Lee.

July 4 - Lake Highlands Exchange Club Fourth of July Parade

Brian suggested the purchase of a new banner for those who walk in the parade.

It was suggested that we have a vehicle in the parade (Steve Overby has declined the use of his ‘56 Cadillac) and that we have a booth afterwards at the Lake Highlands North Recreation Center. Tim has an easy-up canopy.

July 16 - LHWR Democrats monthly meeting (venue to be decided)

Judy requested a speaker from Planned Parenthood.

VICE PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES (Caren Cool)

Meetings

Caren said that Tim brought another coffeemaker to the March meeting and there were no problems making coffee. Rhonda bought $30 of donuts, but since not all were eaten (leftovers were given to the homeless), asked whether we should continue to provide them. The consensus was that the C.C. Young crowd expects donuts and coffee to be available. Perhaps Judy can suggest contributions at the Membership sign-in table. Caren’s request that the club purchase a water dispenser from Amazon to be used at C.C. Young was approved.

Happy Hours

Caren reminded us that there will be a happy hour Thursday, May 19, 5-7 pm, Lake House Bar and Grill. This coincides with Lake Highlands Restaurant Week.

Picnic

Caren reported that she had sign-up sheets for food, set-up, and clean-up at the April meeting, but there were not many names.

Assignments:

Brian: will email candidates about the picnic and put it on Roundup

will bring cookies

Tim: will borrow and fill dispensers from Teresa Daniel for water and iced tea.

will purchase hot dogs (100 people expected), buns, condiments, iced tea mix, ice

will bring his sound system, power cords, signs, easy-up, tables, cooler, ice

will call Al Ortiz to help transport the above supplies with his truck

will let Debbie know if we need tablecloths

Caren: will order paper cups, plates, dessert plates, plastic forks from Amazon

Debbie: will buy chips and grated cheese (and get them to Caren beforehand)

Rhonda: When they make their monthly calls, Rhonda will ask her phone committee to

remind members about dues, remind them that the picnic will be at Lake Highlands North Recreation Center May 21(not Flagpole Hill), and ask them to bring a side dish to the picnic, with any serving utensils needed.

Will make a crockpot of chili and one of beans, and bring serving ladles

TREASURER’S REPORT (Tim Sexton)

$ 80.00 income ($50 in dues, $30 in contributions)

185.00 expenses

$4,064.05 balance

When Doug asked why there is such a balance, Tim answered that the treasury has built up over the years and that there were no meeting expenses during Covid. We also have not given as much money to the district.

Caren reported that she has a separate box for Ukraine donations and those will not be run through the club’s treasury.

VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP’S REPORT (Judy Garrett)

Judy reported that she is in the process of calling members who are not current with their dues and getting much positive response.

Debbie will print new name badges for Rhonda Green and Ad

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Rhonda Green for April)

Rhonda passed out the draft of the April meeting minutes. Board members will contact her for corrections.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Tim and Rhonda have yet to hand deliver the money for Grace UMC to Dale’s widow Janet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Overby, Secretary