

Altrusa International of Richardson, Tx. Inc.
Minutes of Club Meeting, October 19, 2023

Location: Richardson Woman's Club

This meeting was a hybrid meeting with attendees participating in person and virtually.
Virtual Attendee(s) – Jane Tucker and Marsha Peters.

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Christine Hart.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda** – Adopted as presented.
- III. **Minutes of previous Meeting** – The September 21, 2023 minutes were approved as presented (posted on website.)
- IV. **Introduction of Guest** - 17 guest were introduced which included 6 honorees of our OWT Luncheon to be held on October 27, 2023.
- V. **Accent & Pledge** - Mary Osentowski (History of our past fundraisers)
- VI. **Inspiration** – Sue McElveen (A moment to focus on peace and equality in the world)
- VII. **Speaker: Celeste Mergen, International Days for Girls.** Ms. Mergen gave a brief history of International Days for Girls and read extremely moving passages from her book, The Power of Days.

VIII. Officers Reports:

President – Christine Hart summarized RROB

Treasurers Report:

a. Janie Jaquier, Foundations Treasures reported:

Foundation Budget

Cash status as of today is:

Bank balance \$69,000.

b. Joe Leaper Scholarship fund- \$76,000.

Corresponding Secretary – Jackie Scrivener reported 784 volunteer hours have been reported this month with a balance of 2,937.25 for the year.

Immediate Past President Report – Ginger Tonne

Sophomore Sisters reported making and serving a home cooked meal for 15 members of New Friends, New Life. The meal was greatly appreciated by the ladies.

Sophomore Sisters are continuing to collect new books for children to be donated to PediPlace in Lewisville and gently used books for women's shelters.

IX Unfinished Business:

a. OWT – Ginger Tonne recognized committee heads Sherri White and Ginger Mayo for their hard work. They reported 279 have registered for the luncheon. Ginger projected OWT would yield \$50,000 and announced Elizabeth McCormick will be

our pro bono speaker.

b. Ann Turner reminded members they could add an emergency phone number to their profile in the member's directory.

X Monthly Volunteer Hours Drawing winner:

Mary Boyter

XI Announcements: Cindy McIntyre reminded members of the packing of items to be sent to the military in Poland and at the border on October 28, at 10:00 am. Jane Tucker has also arranged for RISD elementary students to write notes to the soldiers and for clients at Friends Place to pack mints for the project.

Rosemary Gouger announced that a birthday party would take place at Ability House for a new resident, Jane, on October 28, to be followed by a reverse Trick or Treat. Rosemary also explained what Ability House is to our many guests.

XII TLC, Brags, Fines

XIII Adjournment & Benediction: Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by

Jackie Scrivener