

HCCW General Membership Meeting April 16, 2023

Chaplain Claire Honsalek said a prayer and led us in the pledges.

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Schneider at 11:13am after a wonderful presentation by speaker Charles Porter, Phd.

Teri welcomed guests Bubba & Kay Thornton and Dr. Porter's wife. And another guest, Karen?.

Teresa Ganis shared information regarding the vote for our CattleWoman of the Year and Behind the Scenes CattleWoman.

Ag Days are coming up. Dianne has everything ready but can still use some help at the events. Contact Dianne Staudt if you'd like to get involved and help. The dates are posted on the website. The info is also on the website and in the newsletter.

Soil Conservation fundraiser is in Fredericksburg on May 9th. We will have booth there. Teri Hartmann shared the great raffle gifts we will be sharing that Janet Zintgraff created and donated. You can get CEU credits and there is a BBQ Lunch! Exhibitors set up at 1-3pm. CEU is from 1-4, meal 5:30-6:30 and then the program is after.

Also, don't forget membership dues which are \$40 can be paid online. They dues are due in June. We had a new member sign up online, Wynell Herbort.

All the Food Bank gifts have been given and pictures taken. Megan reminded everyone that if pictures were taken to please send them to her.

Christi McAllister asked everyone to pay in person for dues because when you pay online, we pay a fee for using that payment service. She reported our balances:

Checking \$35,372

Savings \$36,803

Foundation \$68,842

Christi also shared that she had since written a check to the Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation who we sent \$5,000 for the smokehouse fire. And she had also written the check to pay for the mule in the raffle.

Karen said that we had received a lovely thank you letter from the Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation for our gift. In March we did a spotlight for the First United Bank for the Hill Country Cattlewomen and our Round-Up. We received a lot of attention according the FUB contact.

Kati Vinson shared that since the legislature isn't in session right now there isn't much going on. But we do have run-off elections from the March primary. We don't usually have this many run-offs for the State House. Typically, these elections receive very low turnout. Be informed and go vote. Make your voice heard!

Megan asked that everything be turned in for the May newsletter by Sunday, April 28th so that she can get the newsletter emailed out on May 1st or 2nd.

Bonnie shared that we have 55 applicants for our scholarships this year. But the bad news is that after sitting for 5 hours to review, they still aren't finished! The announcements will be made at the May meeting.

Alice gave a Round-Up report that we are sitting pretty for this year. We have so many wonderful items for the silent and live auctions that range in price from less expensive to VERY expensive! We have some very unique and special things that have been donated by members. Dianne Staudt made and donated. Part of the fabric used in the quilt are from bandanas that have been used over the years by the HCCW. It is a king size quilt will probably be in a raffle. Teri Stone's granddaughter painted the back side of a calf hide and donated it. There will be short video shown just before the live auction showcasing scholarship recipients and how the money impacted their lives.

Also, if anyone who lives in Fredericksburg could pick up the beer for Round-Up on Friday and has a walk-in cooler, we need your help with the beer! Suzanne mentioned that we will definitely need your help the couple of days before when we set up! Frankie and Liz are providing snacks and lunch for the workers on Thursday and Friday.

Claire wanted to remind everyone - don't forget, there is still time to sell Mule raffle tickets and also tickets to our event. Ask everyone you come in contact with.

Karen shared a little bit about how hard the Texas CattleWomen organization is working for all of us. She joined two different committees to help in the efforts. The Real County agent wants to get involved with us in the HCCW.

New business will be the budget! It will need to be approved in June. If you have any issues or concerns, please let her know.

Kati motioned to adjourn at 12:01 pm. Liz seconded and the motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Bierschwale
Recording Secretary