

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN (PAC)

General Membership Meeting

Harris Community Center – Belton, Texas

April 20, 2026

1. Meeting called to order by CTRW President, Janet Brown, at 11:30am. She welcomed all guests, elected officials, members, and recognized new members attending today. She recognized our special guests, CTRW Scholarship Award winners and the Teacher Appreciation Honorees and their parents. She also gave a shout out of appreciation to our wonderful caterer.
2. CTRW Chaplin, Rebecca Tong, gave the Invocation.
3. CTRW Americanism Chair, Natalie Austin, led the pledges of allegiance to flags of the United States and to the State of Texas.
4. The minutes of March 16th, 2026, meeting were approved and filed.
5. CTRW Treasurer, Wanita Reeder, reported our Club's current bank balance is \$63,247.89
6. CTRW President, Janet Brown, closed the business portion of the meeting.
7. CTRW Endowment Scholarship Award Chair, Zenia Warren, gave a brief overview of the CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation's history, which started in 1999, and how it is moving forward to become a function of the CTRW Club moving forward. This year, the Foundation received 18 submitted essays, with the two best of the best showing patriotism; academic excellence and community involvement were selected. She then recognized Kitty Pope Scholarship Award Winner, Bethany Hart; Holland High School, and Sonny Pope Scholarship Award Winner, Sydney Grace; Lake Belton High who received \$1500 each.
8. CTRW President, Janet Brown and CTRW Literacy Chair, Maria Martinez Introduced the 1st Annual CTRW Teacher Appreciation Honorees. Killeen ISD, Marha Diab and Belton ISD, Andrea Hayes. Each Teacher received a certificate of Appreciation and a \$500 Scholarship.
9. CTRW 1st VP, Heather Bounds, introduced our Keynote Speaker, Club Member and Author and Entrepreneur, Lisa Copeland.
10. Ms. Copeland was very motivational and spoke about her newest book, "Lioness Woman Unleashed". She encouraged all ladies to be brave. "Don't be too polite to fight." Don't allow the Left to silence our voices. "Stop whispering in private while the Left shouts out in public." She reminded us that we do not have to be wildly famous, just wildly committed. "Show up, carry the torch with courage, faith and joy." "In the absence of courage, do it scared." ~Lisa Copeland
11. Closing Remarks and announcements:
12. Representatives, Hillary Hickland, HD55 and Brad Buckley, HD54 presented the Scholarship Award winners the Teacher Honorees, certificates of recognition and appreciation.
13. CTRW President, Janet Brown, reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming Municipal elections. Be a part of the process, learn about your local candidates and vote! She also reminded the group that of the Primary Run-off elections early voting and Election Day voting dates: May 18-22. Election Day is: May 26th. VOTE and Encourage others to do the same!
14. Candidates were invited to come up and speak briefly, introduce themselves and talk about their qualifications for the positions they are running to represent.
15. Reminder from CTRW President, Janet Brown: The May meeting will be one week early. It will be held at the Harris Community Center the 2nd Monday in May, May 11th. Our guest speaker will be Debra Coffey, "Bring Him Home". Please RSVP by May 6th.
16. Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Renee Bigham
CTRW Secretary
May 2, 2026