

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN (PAC)

General Membership Meeting

Harris Community Center – Belton, Texas

Sept 21, 2026

1. Meeting called to order by CTRW President, Janet Brown, at 11:30am. She welcomed all guests, elected officials, members, and candidates present. Let's all work to get out the Vote. Use the Abbott App, Block Walking, events, and have conversations with others.
2. CTRW Literacy Chair Linda Atkins gave the Invocation.
3. CTRW Americanism Chair, Natalie Austin, then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and to the State of Texas.
4. CTRW Aug 17th Meeting Minutes were approved as presented and will be filed.
5. CTRW Treasurer, Wanita Reeder, reported our current balance is: \$20,597.79.
6. CTRW 2nd VP Marlene Druce stated we have 39 Primary Member renewals for 2027 so far. If you have not yet renewed, please do so and help bring in new members. Membership price is reduced to \$25 until the end of October.
7. The CTRW 2027 Board Nominations Committee and the nominating process were introduced by President Janet Brown. The Executive Board will be elected at the Annual November 9th General Membership Meeting. She asked anyone interested in serving on the Board to reach out to one of the Nominations Committee members. Natalie Austin, Rebecca Tong, Marlean Druce, Joyce Damon, Marilyn Beasley, Raquel Nelson, and Heather Bounds.
8. Before introducing our speaker, Joseph Vargas, of Keep Texas Red, 1st VP, Heather Bounds reminded everyone that Jeffrey's Tree needs our help with donations of clothing, toys, household items, and financial donations are always appreciated. Quoting James 1:2-4, she then spoke a bit about how we converse with others this election season. Words matter. "Speak truths but show grace and trust God".
9. Our Guest Speaker, Joseph Vargas, gave an informative and inspirational presentation. "Understanding the Threat: The Battle for Christianity, Americanism & the Republican Party." As he laid out this threat, he warned us that "If Christianity, Americanism, and the Republican Party keep their names, but lose the beliefs that define them, they have not been preserved.
10. Following his presentation, Mr. Vargas surprised TFRW Past President, Zenia Warren, by presenting her with the Keep Texas Red Meritorious Award.
11. Closing Remarks and announcements by CTRW President, Janet Brown: She started out by requesting everyone work hard to get out the Republican Vote this Mid-Term Election. ALSO, please ATTEND and PROMOTE our EVENTS!
12. Upcoming Events include:
 - a) Oct 8th Red Roof Connections Coffee at Caffee Luna in Harker Heights. 9a-11am.
 - b) Oct 10th CTRW Get out the Vote, Day of Action. Lynn Marie Bakery, Temple 9:30am
 - c) **OCTOBER 12TH: Annual Chili Challenger Fundraiser – Chris the King Event Center.**
 - d) Oct 17th: Tex & Tea - Ruby Tea Room
 - e) Oct 22nd: Red Roof Connections "Cocktails and Conversation, at Acropolis in HH.
 - f) **Dec 12th: CTRW Evening Members Christmas Party. Christ the King Event Center.**
13. Meeting Adjourned: 12:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Bigham

Secretary, CTRW

September 30, 2026