

**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
MARCH 20, 2021**

Meeting convened at 10:03 by President Brian Hasenbauer with 20 participants.
Pledge of allegiance recited.

CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Charlie Gearing announced his candidacy for U.S. Congressional District 5. Office currently held by Lance Gooden.

Dallas County Criminal Court of Appeals No. 2 Judge Pamela Luther was recognized.

PROGRAM:

Brian introduced Dr. Theresa Daniel (Dallas County District 1 Commissioner) and Dr. Philip Huang (Director and Health Authority for the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department) who presented the program from the Covid vaccination center at Fair Park where 700 staffers from FEMA, Dallas County, Dallas Police, Dallas Firefighters, the National Guard and volunteers are working daily to administer 10,000 vaccines each day. Dr. Daniel and Dr. Huang provided answers to frequently asked questions regarding the status of the Covid 19 pandemic and the vaccination process. Included in the information provided:

Specifics regarding the three vaccines available, the process for registering and receiving vaccine(s), and that immunity becomes effective two weeks after being fully vaccinated.. How long the vaccine is effective is not known at this time.

Usual side effects are pain at the injection site, fever, and body aches.

The importance of masks, social distancing, and hand washing in the prevention of transmission.

Covid positive patients should remain in isolation for 10 days after symptoms start. Those having Covid are believed to be immune for 90 days after becoming infected and should not pursue a vaccine during that 90 day period.

The importance of contact tracing.

Hesitancy to receive the vaccine most usually due to misinformation and mistrust.

Allergic reactions to vaccine have been very rare. There is no evidence that the vaccine is not appropriate for pregnant women or that it has any effect on fertility unless there are other underlying issues for the patient.

In-person gatherings are deemed safe two weeks after all participants have been fully vaccinated.

Volunteers are needed to help with drive through vaccine registration and in areas where registration is difficult. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Dr. Daniel.

BUSINESS MEETING:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer):

In addition to the nomination and election of a Vice-President at today's meeting, volunteers are needed to oversee/coordinate other club activities including social media, the website, precinct liason, and merchandising. Anyone interested should contact Brian. The April program, which had been arranged by Terri prior to her resignation, will be Dallas County Taxes and the Appraisal Process. Presenters will be John Ames (Dallas County Tax Assessor) and Cheryl Jordan (Director of Community Relations at Dallas Central Appraisal District). The traditional May Picnic is scheduled although it is not yet known whether it will be a live event or virtual.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tim Sexton):

No report submitted as Tim was out of town.

PAC TREASURER (Dale McEowen):

The report is filed monthly on the fifth day of the month. A report was filed on March 5 and the next report will be filed on April 5. All income and expenses are included in each report. Memorial donations received from club members have been sent: \$125.00 to Planned Parenthood in memory of Sally White and \$105.00 to the Benevolence Fund of C.C. Young Retirement Center in memory of Vernie Crabtree.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Judy Garrett):

All t-shirts sold have been delivered. An order for additional t-shirts has been placed. Membership dues continue to be received. There are currently 220 members.

SECRETARY (Rhonda Green):

Unofficial minutes of the 02/20/21 General Meeting were emailed to board members on 02/22/21 and are been posted on the website. Brian posted them on chat for review during the meeting. Upon motion made by Dale McEowen and seconded by Elise Lipton, the minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian requested nominations for club Vice-President. Kendall Scudder was nominated by Rhonda; the nomination was seconded by Scott Hadden. There being no other nominations, Kendall was elected by acclamation and was sworn in by Brian. He thanked the club for the opportunity to serve and asked for program suggestions and volunteers for the May Picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dale: May 1, 2021 is the date of the election for City Council. Early voting will occur 04/19/21 - 04/27/21. Election workers are needed.

Brian: The club will work in conjunction with the FEDD's on a City Council candidate information lit-sticking effort. The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, March 22.

Al Ortiz: The second Saturday of each month is the scheduled work day for lake area clean-up by Love of the Lake. The club's area is between the Bath House and the former site of the Dreyfuss Club.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion made by Dale and seconded by Al, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Green, Secretary