

**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS  
GENERAL MEETING  
July 23, 2022**

The July meeting of the Lake Highlands/White Rock Democrats was held on July 23, 2022 at CC Young and via Zoom. President Doug Skemp convened the meeting at 10:10 am. by welcoming all 27 participants and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug first recognized visitors then invited candidates to speak briefly:

John Bryant, winner of the Democratic primary and candidate for Texas House District 114

Bill Pederson, Justice 5<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

Carol Donovan, campaign manager for Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner District 4

Brian Hasenbauer, candidate for Dallas City Council Place 10

**PROGRAM:**

Brian Hasenbauer introduced the speaker, Blair Taylor, of the Community Outreach Committee of Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America. The MDA organization was founded on FaceBook the day after the Sandy Hook shooting ten years ago. It is a non-partisan, grass roots organization. She provided much information, as well as instructing us how to frame the narrative and vocabulary:

- anti-gun violence is pro public health
- gun violence intersects with food deserts and lack of public transportation
- they do not use the term “gun control”, but rather “gun safety”
- they do not talk about “gun-free zones” but rather “safe-sensitive places”
- gun suicides are not “accidental” but “preventable”
- Moms Demand Action has an APP where volunteers can sign up to be on an email or text list, participate in Clean the Block activities, speak before groups (script provided)

Then a question/answer session ensued.

Doug thanked the speaker for her education on how to be a better advocate.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer)

Aug 20 - LHWR Democrats meeting at CC Young. Focus on voter registration, with computers and registrars present.

Sept 17 - Brian is seeking ideas for speaker

Oct 15 - LHWR Democrats Chili Supper, Winfrey Point

Nov 19 LHWR Democrats meeting

Dec 17 - Social

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tim Sexton)

For June,	Income	\$ 244.00
	Expenses	184.47
	Balance was	\$4,237.91

Tim has reserved Flagpole Hill for the May 2023 picnic, our traditional location. He has filed the required PAC reports to the Texas Ethics Commission for June. He reported coffee/donut donations of \$57.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Judy Garrett was not present due to quarantining for Covid exposure.) We had one new member and one renewing member.

VICE PRESIDENT EVENTS REPORT (Caren Cool was not present due to quarantining for Covid exposure, but dropped off the coffee and membership supplies.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Debbie Overby)

Debbie reminded attendees that June minutes were on the tables. The minutes were approved and seconded. Brian will post them on the website.

Debbie announced that the July White Rock Lake Cleanup July 9, at 8 am had 3 volunteers. They will meet **8 – 9 am** again August 13 south of the Bath House Cultural Center.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (Joan Covici not present)

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Anton spoke about an irregularity with Republican candidate Mark Hajdu, who filed for candidacy in the wrong district. More information can be found on the Dallas Observer website.

Mike McPhail reported on the Democratic Convention. He said that once again, the convention closed before all rules discussions were complete. There will be a Zoom meeting August 6 where the SDEC will finalize the platform.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Overby, Secretary