

**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING
January 21, 2023**

The January meeting of the Lake Highlands/White Rock Democrats was held on January 21, 2023 at CC Young. President Doug Skemp called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. He welcomed all participants and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug recognized candidates/office-holders present:

- Brian Hasenbauer, candidate for City Council District 10 in 2023, spoke of his goals. He will have a fundraiser at Jeanette Rowland's (founding member of LHWR) house February 11.
- Mike McPhail, SDEC member told us that the committee met just before Christmas. Half of the staff has left (normal for after an election) and fundraising will be more difficult in 2023.

Later arriving:

- Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dallas County Commissioner, spoke of today's newspaper's article where state officers berated "rogue DA's", including John Creuzot. Theresa commended John Creuzot for his thoughtful approach and actions and encouraged us to continue to support him. She also gave kudos to C.C. Young residents, who took 2nd nationally in Wii Bowling!
- Kendal Richardson, mayoral candidate, wants to unite voices for a better Dallas, combat homelessness, and level the playing field.
- Constable Henry Curry thanked the club for its support and explained that the duties of a constable concern civil process: serving court orders, eviction notices, and warrants, as well as issuing citations and maintaining order in the JP courts.

BUSINESS MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Doug Skemp)

Doug deferred to Vice President Brian Hasenbauer until later in the meeting for election of officers.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer)

Today's topic is soliciting feedback for desired programs in 2023, using a PowerPoint that showed the 2022 programs:

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| February | - John Creuzot |
| March | - education panel of the persons running for school board |
| April | - Sustainable Dallas, by the Dallas Environmental Committee |
| May | - picnic |
| June | - Women's Reproductive Rights |
| July | - lowering gun violence by Mom's Demand Action |
| August | - Kristi Noble and Terri Hodge on voter registration |
| September | - Back to School, with Victoria Neave Criado |
| October | - Chili Supper Fundraiser |
| November | - election recap by Jeff Dalton |
| December | - Jingle Mingle |

Brian received positive feedback on all last year's programs. Current suggestions included

- An update on the legislative session, including LGBTQ issues
- Environmental issues with For the Love of the Lake; City Councilwoman Paula Blackmon, in charge of lake dredging; city biologists on blight of elm trees
- City council website, program of equity
- City/state/federal bill tracker
- Legislative recap
- Outreach to schools to involve youth
- Awarding prizes at Chili Supper

VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT (Judy Garrett)

Judy welcomed visitors: Martha ? and Nana Hill. Judy reported 173 active members. Dues for 2023 are due and can be paid today and online.

VICE PRESIDENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT (Caren Cool)

Caren thanked everyone for bringing treats to December's Jingle Mingle.

The first happy hour of the year will be

Tuesday, January 24, 5-7 pm at District 9, Buckner/Northcliff.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tim Sexton)

Tim reported that the club-approved \$3,000 donation to the Dallas County Democratic Party was made.

For December, Income	\$ 478.50	
Expenses	3,100.00	(including the approved \$3,000 donation to the Dallas County Democratic Party)
Balance	\$ 6,800.01	

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Debbie Overby)

The minutes for December with corrections were approved and seconded.

Debbie reported 3 volunteers at the January White Rock Lake Cleanup. She commended volunteer Camille Morgan for building a sieve to trap tiny trash. Debbie reminded all that our site is south of the Bath House Cultural Center to Dreyfuss Point and that next cleanup will be February 11 at 10 am.

PHONE COMMITTEE (Rhonda Green)

Rhonda thanked the current committee and solicited more volunteers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Doug presented the slate and solicited nominations from the floor.

President:	Charlie Gearing
Vice-President Programs:	Bruce Anton
Vice-President Membership:	Judy Garrett
Vice-President Communications:	Open (Brian Hasenbauer temporarily)
Vice-President Activities:	Caren Cool
Treasurer:	Tim Sexton
Secretary:	Debbie Overby

The officers were elected by acclamation. Dr. Theresa Daniel administered the oath of office.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Overby, Secretary