

Southwest Texas CattleWomen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Country Store, Cotulla

Jan Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:20am. Linda Landrum led us with the STCW prayer, then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Welcome Guests and New Members

Guests: Ashlee Kinsel, our speaker, author of A Sacred Silence; and her daughter, Georgia Kinsel

New members: Whitney Klengendorf of Austin
Kelly Crain of Moore, TX

Treasurer's Report

Linda Landrum announced that we will soon be accepting credit cards for payments. She also reported that we now have 129 members. The Treasurer's report was approved as read by Linda:

March balance		\$21,582.94
Income	\$3,350.00	
Checks written	125.00	
April balance		\$24,807.94

The March meeting minutes were approved as presented.

We announced those members who needed our prayers for themselves or for loved ones, and for the landowners still recovering in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado.

Betty Settlemeier took our lunch orders.

Committee Reports

Filling in today for our **Legislative Chair**, Kay Love, is Leslie Kinsel. She reported that the Cattleraisers are in meetings with the oil and gas pipeline lobby on the eminent domain bills. Our representatives have been busy working for us at the house and senate levels, but the oil and gas lobby is powerful so they really need a lot of grass roots support to get it on the floor.

She also reported that tomorrow morning the TX house will discuss HB 3707, authored by Tracy King, which will continue the market inspection program administered by TSCRA. The program protects and is funded by the cattle producers who sell their cattle through livestock auction markets, and it has helped to recover thousands of head of stolen cattle. She asked that we call to thank Tracey King for introducing this bill. Jama Brown suggested that everyone should join TSCRA because it helps everyone.

Spikes and Spurs- Holly Van Cleve said they have more raffle tickets and event tickets. They need desserts and help at the dessert tables. Anyone bringing dessert, be sure to put your name on your plate. Sharon Gentry will be organizing the set up and can use help on Friday. Jan will give a short report on Cattlewomen at the event.

Jan Elliott reported that Beef Leaders of Tomorrow will probably be up and running in a couple of years. She is frustrated with TCW not doing much, but that STCW are pulling our weight and promoting beef which is what we are supposed to be doing. She asked if anyone has any new ideas on promoting beef, please tell her. Terry Chandler echoed Jan's disappointment with the TCW, and how she is trying to get them to be more accountable. Terry said there are good chapters, but they are working locally. The good thing learned at the TCW meeting, is that the Texas Beef Council is using the Beef Check-Off monies to hire award winning sales reps to approach medical heart doctors to push beef. They are working in Dallas and Houston right now. She also reiterated that China has lifted the ban on exporting beef.

Retama- Bonnie Coble already has tickets for the races to be held on October 7. Diana Ridgway is on board to help with the silent auction. Diana said to bring friends to help buy the items. She passed around a sign up sheet to help.

Diana Ridgway reported on STCW serving beef to the **Wounded Warriors at Fort Sam Houston** on Thursday, May 11. They are expecting 150-175 to attend. She passed around a sign up sheet for those who would like to help serve, and she needs your birthdate, license # and state issued for security clearance at the gate. Everyone is to meet at the gate at 10:30am and serving will begin at 11:30am.

Upcoming Ag fairs:

May 19- Dimmitt County

May 22- Cotulla County

May 28- Zavala County

Old Business

Jan said that the Constituting America Hamilton-Jefferson Debate was great.

There was a good turnout for the reception for Valda Gates and Dorothy Kinsel, who were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards by the TCW at the convention.

TSCRA has 2 funds to support the fire victims, a general fund and a fund directly helping those 3 families who had deaths. The Department of Agriculture also has a fund for fire victims.

Motion:

Sylvia Lent moved that STCW donate \$1,000.00 to the TSCRA General Fund for the wildfire relief. Diana Ridgway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jan asked members to give program/venue ideas to Betty Settlemyer.

Jan reminded us that the password for members on our website (southtxcattlewomen.com) is: STCWmember

New Business

Debra Parsons announced that Winter Garden SWCD #326, serving Zavala County, is selling grass seeds through Turner Seed Co. and get 10% to raise funds for the district. She passed out a few price lists.

Nominating committee- Pricilla Parsons presented the by-law revisions that were recently prepared by the Nominating committee. The vote on these revisions must take place before the new Executive slate is voted on.

We took a recess to have the program and start lunch.

Date Reminders:

ANCW Region IV Meeting: April 20-22 in Bryan, TX
Spikes and Spurs: May 6 in Rio Medina at Brady's Bloomin' Barn
Beef for Father's Day: Thursday, June 15 at HEB Uvalde
Retama "An Evening at the Races": October 7

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16- Tularosa Ranch in Tularosa.

Program given by Ashlee Kinsel, author of [A Sacred Silence](#). We were able to purchase her books after the program.

The meeting commenced and we decided to take the vote on the by-law changes at our next meeting, giving the membership time to study them.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Derbigny Clark