

FRW March 23, 2017 Minutes

1. Call to order at 11:41 by Kathy Rogers
2. Cell phones on silent please
 - a. Invocation and Pledges
3. Introductions – Guests, Elected Officials, candidates
 - a. Please let us know if this meeting is being recorded/videoed because we'd like to post it!
4. Business
 - a. Secretary's Report – January and February minutes, approved unanimously (motion by Janis, second by Deborah)
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Janis
 - c. Collecting for Pregnancy Center – any baby items (up to 1 year)
 - d. Collecting for military personnel overseas – personal care items
 - e. Remember lunch purchase is required to attend our meetings (catering minimum/room rental are fixed costs).
5. Speaker – Jacob Williams discussing Defensive tactics. Deborah introduced him. He is a COM Police Academy instructor, police officer, and physical trainer. His business is TribeFitness.

Our countries mindset has changed. Many in the US are "victims." We have to change our mindset to NEVER BE A VICTIM. There are guns that look like cell phones. Police officers are public servants, and laws/constitution tie their hands. Officers want to help but aren't always able to.

Have situational awareness...Where are the exits? What windows can you escape from? Terrorists want a response-they want us scared and running. Active shooters can be stopped by CITIZENS. Why aren't college students stopping the shootings instead of running? The shooter reloaded, and students could have stopped him then. In 9/11, the passengers on the plane could have used their seat cushions as shields against the box cutters.

It is easy to take a gun away when you are up close (he did a demonstration). Knives are harder because you will get cut. You have to decide where you want that cut. He has multiple cuts on his forearms.

Talk with friends and family about what you will do in a situation. Are you going to fight or flee? Friends and community have to stand together.

Don't judge people on the surface. Rapist and serial killers don't fit a mold. Most seem normal. Don't trust appearances.

The community is not supporting officers now. Officers are trying to change that by getting involved in the community. They ask the neighbors how they can help while out patrolling.

How to take a gun away: RCAT

Redirect, Control, Attack, Takeaway. Don't hesitate if you decide to take a gun away, as that is what will get you shot. You are only limited by your imagination on how to hurt the person with a gun.

6. Other announcements
 - a. Our next meeting is April 27. Friendswood City Council candidates' forum. All candidates have been invited.
 - b. CCRW Meeting Friday April at La Brisas contact Lillian ccrwpres@gmail.com
 - c. Mary Queen Parish Festival Sunday May 7, 11-4. Fun, food, games, and BINGO. Sponsorships available (even to non-Catholics) – promote your business.
 - d. To find out the latest, check out our Facebook page **Friendswood Republican Women** and the website www.FriendswoodRW.org
 - e. Let's make this a great 4 years. Let's strive to #MakeAmericaKindAgain. I know Republicans and conservatives don't usually go in for name calling, but let's redouble our efforts and call people out when their arguments degenerate into pejoratives! Let's also try to spread kindness wherever we go!