



Southwest Conservative Republican Women

DRAFT Minutes for September 17, 2016

Call to Order: The SWCRW monthly meeting was held at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room, on September 17, 2016. The meeting convened at 9:06 a.m. President Alexandra Matyja presiding, Lynn Spieker, Secretary.

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Lori Clausen and Pat Hartell. Introduction of new members and guests – Alexandra Matyja.

Prior Lake Candidates – Alexandra Matyja introduced Kirt Briggs (mayor) focus on accountability & transparency – listening/apply common sense to growth/spending like there is a tomorrow: fiscal stewardship - \$5M/year for debt service; Dave Thompson (city council) emphasis on accountable government and in alignment with Kirt's focus areas; Zach Braid (city council – represented by Annette Thompson) interest in tax impact, neighborhood livability, common sense development, accountability; Melissa Enger (school board) passionate about youth/careers, teachers/common sense approach to spending/transparency. Shared themes: transparency, common sense, fiscal prudence and overuse of workshops without video cameras.

Club Business/Announcements – Alexandra Matyja

- Approval of 8/20/16 Meeting Minutes – Ann Boyd made a motion to approve; motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Rita Hillmann Olson reported balance of \$580. Sharon Sykora made motion to approve; motion carried.
- Bylaws Revisions Approval – Lynn Spieker reviewed changes. Diane Weyrick made a motion to approve with revisions, motion carried.
- Volunteers for invocation and pledge for 10/15/16 meeting: Pledge – Diane Weyrick; Invocation – Melissa Enger
- Executive Committee next meetings: 10/6/16 and 01/05/17

Celebrating One Year

How It All Began – Alexandra Matyja described how she became involved in politics and how that led to the formation of the club in May 2015. She recognized charter members.

Informed, Engaged, Impactful – Vicki Ernst reviewed the 2015-2016 guest speakers and their topics and how this helped our club to become informed, engaged and impactful at the local, state and national levels.

Club Accomplishments – Sharon Sykora talked about membership and what we've accomplished with approximately 2,128 volunteer hours this past year.

Activities You Accomplished –Diane Weyrick & Juanita Felch were awarded prizes.

Shaping the Future – Diane Weyrick

Your Topic Passion/Future Meeting Topics and Prize Winners:

Social Security Extension – Rindy Koukal

Restore Pledge of Allegiance in Schools – Cathie Zimmerman

Club Community Activity Ideas – Lori Clausen

Membership Committee Volunteers – Diane described the new committee's purpose and asked for volunteers. Anne Meurer, Ann Boyd, Mary Zielund, and Annette Thompson volunteered. Prize winner was Mary Zielund.

Announcements

- MNFRW Secretary – Alexandra Matyja described this role that Pam Myhra, MNFRW President, is looking to fill in the near future. A member expressed interest and will talk to Pam Myhra.
- Campaign Focus Opportunities – Alexandra Matyja
 - Campaign Volunteering
 - Phone Calling
 - Door Knocking
 - Yard Signs
 - Letter to the Editor – Ann Meurer can help with that effort.
 - Candidates of focus:
 - Jason Lewis – CD2 Congressional Candidate
 - Rich Draheim – MN Senatorial Candidate
 - Local Mayoral, City Council, and School Board Candidates

Door Prizes – Alexandra Matyja awarded the balloon bouquets to five individuals.

Adjournment – 10:58 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room

APPROVED: _____ (Name, Title)

Date: _____