



## Southwest Conservative Republican Women

DRAFT March 18, 2017

**Call to Order:** The SWCRW monthly meeting was held at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room, on March 18, 2017. The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. President Alexandra Matyja presiding, Lynn Spieker, Secretary.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Annette Thompson and Lori Clausen. Introduction of new members and guests – Alexandra Matyja. Volunteer hours binder routed for completion (on June 1, 2017 we start a new recording cycle.)

### Club Business – Alexandra Matyja

- **Approval of 02/18/17 minutes** – Motion to approve by Rita Hillman Olson, motion carried.
- **Approval of Treasurer's Report** – Rita Hillman Olson. All monies turned over to state and national federations. Reminder that committee budgets need to be submitted. Motion by Diane Weyrick to approve; motion carried.
- **Membership Committee Report** – Annette Thompson. The new membership kit PDF is complete and approved, and ready for use. Next step is to distribute to all members via email. Then going forward, it will be emailed to new members. Working on new member recruitment phone campaign, including scripts. Looking ahead to create an event or attend an event to promote club and gain new members. Looking for more committee members.
- **Hospitality Committee Report** – Lori Clausen. No report.
- **Communications Committee Report** – Diane Weyrick. Several ways to communicate and connect with the club: the website including private page; Facebook page with private group. This is an ongoing effort. Looking for ideas and committee members.
- **Invocation and Pledge volunteers** for 5/20/17 meeting: Invocation – Anne Stelter, Pledge – Mary Venkus.
- **Announcements** – Alexandra Matyja (look at the slides for correct order)
  - April Club Meeting – cancelled due to Easter weekend conflict
  - May Guest Speaker: James Zeiler, Citizens for Responsible Zoning & Land Ownership Rights MN GOP State Central Convention on 4/29/17
  - Executive Committee meetings – 4/6/17 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)
  - Officer Election in May – please submit nominations for yourself or other through Nominations Committee (Diane Weyrick, Mary Venkus, Annette Thompson).
  - MNFRW Board Meeting on 2/25 – Diane Bur, Alexandra Matyja, and Sharon Sykora attended. Discussion of volunteer hours reporting. More information will be shared with the club after receiving clarifications from Pam Myhra, MNFRW.
  - MNFRW individual award for recruiting most new members between 2/25 and 6/1/17.
  - MNFRW Board meeting in Hastings on 6/15/17
  - MNFRW 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Duluth on 10/6/17 (Friday)
  - MN Biennial State Convention in Duluth on 10/7/17 (Saturday)
- **Seeking Member's Input** – Alexandra Matyja. Reviewed current communication process (email timing, meeting announcements, etc.)
  - Share Executive Committee minutes with all members? Discussion ensued about need and how best to distribute. Sharon Sykora made a motion to distribute approved Executive Committee Minutes to all full members in stand-alone email and post on members only on web page; motion carried.
  - Forward to all members potential calls to action emailed to president? Alexandra receives numerous calls to action from club members and other contacts. She filters them and shares some with the Executive Committee for additional input. Agreed to continue with Alexandra sending action alerts. Sharon Sykora recommended to sign up for the various groups action alerts if you want to stay informed; and you can post on Facebook (individual and club pages).

- **Odd Year Political Process Review** – Sharon Sykora walked us through the MN GOP process in an off-election year diagram. There are no precinct caucuses. BPOU (Basic Political Organizational Unit) Conventions are held to nominate and elect officers. BPOU is the lowest local level with a budget; can be organized at a county level or House District /Senate District (HD/SD). County is used more outstate; HD/SD is use in metro area. Determined by local people. CD (Congressional District) – elect officers, changes to constitution, elect delegates and alternates to state central committee meeting. State Central Committee Meeting – elect state party chair; also go onto National Committee. Diagram will be made available to members.
- **States’ Rights and Social Issues** – Sharon Sykora & Diane Weyrick. “Nothing of value is easy to attain.” Led us through processing of President Trump’s decision to rescind Obama’s school bathroom directive. Watched Prager U – How Do You Deal with Painful Truths? Left vs. Right ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IC7ZU5vGPY0> ) Also shared Fox commentator Tucker Carlson w/DNC strategist on transgender and impact on Title IX; Johns Hopkins conducted a study and now no longer does transgender surgery. Minnesota Family Council (MFC) – Autumn Leva spoke to the Nova Academy parents on the transgender issue. School has adopted Obama guidelines and has lost many students. Discussions about impact on Title IX, women’s sports, and bathrooms, etc. Challenged to get involved at local school board level to help protect privacy. Presentation resources will be shared. Need to support Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and efforts to change the education system.
- **Action Alert Follow-up** – Sharon Sykora:
  - *March 4 Trump* – several SWCRW members attended this event at the State Capitol and were close to the protestors. Need to contact the Ramsey County Attorney and express dissatisfaction that they did not press charges – passive approach may lead to more confrontations.
  - *New Trump Gathering* – Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – search Facebook events and plan to attend.
  - *Trump Postcards* – many members sent postcards on March 15<sup>th</sup>; some created their own postcards. There’s still time to send them.
  - *Jason Lewis Social Media* – encouraged to like on Facebook and follow on Twitter.
  - *40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign* – Planned Parenthood, Vandalia St., St. Paul. Goes through April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - *CCHF/ Twila Brase* – see back of agenda with calls this Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It’s the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Obamacare. Need to make three calls (Congressman & Senators) and state “It’s simple. Just repeal Obamacare.”
  - *Becky Swanson* – lot of rule changes for daycare providers being tied to PCA rules in the Minnesota Legislature. Need to contact our legislators and ask them to keep child care rules & regulations separate from PCA. She encouraged us to sign up and follow bills. **Go to MN State site – <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis>** to find bills and My Bills (registration required).
  - *A Day at the Capitol with Republican Women* – Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> . Sponsored by the North Metro Republican Women’s club. Starts at 9:15 a.m. and goes to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to To Kathy Tingelstad (Volunteer Contact) at 763-286-7293 or [TingelstadKathy@gmail.com](mailto:TingelstadKathy@gmail.com)

Adjournment at 11:04 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2017 at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name, Title)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_