



Southwest Conservative Republican Women

DRAFT Minutes for June 18, 2016

Call to Order: The SWCRW monthly meeting was held at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room, on June 18, 2016. The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m. President Alexandra Matyja presiding, Lynn Spieker, Secretary.

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Annette Thompson and Sharon Sykora. Welcome and introduction of new members – Alexandra Matyja.

Guest Speaker Introduction – Diane Weyrick – Zebedee Weyrick – *Dare to be American!* Zeb described our Founding Father's principles and matrix for liberty (faith, morality, law, education, liberty.) Focus on individual integrity and living actively on daily basis. He is available to speak to local churches and youth groups.

Dare to Get Involved in Elections – Sharon Sykora shared political process to date and numerous ways to get involved in supporting endorsed Republican candidates. Challenged attendees to select at least three opportunities (including one outside of comfort zone). Examples included voter registration drives, get out the vote, county and state fairs, and candidate campaigns.

MNFRW Programs – Pam Myhra, President, shared updates and news on various programs. *Volunteer Recognition:* eight clubs in MN with hundreds of members. Over 58,000 volunteer hours. Keep track of hours. State will recognize at different levels. *Membership Drives:* will provide data for focused outreach to grow membership including email addresses (indicator of commitment to MN GOP). *Voter Registration:* Also data on “hard” Republicans to get them registered (identified by 40 tags). Get them registered and out to vote. *New State-wide Membership Directory* – to help networking efforts (needs one person per club to head that up.) *Fund-raising drive for MNFRW* (completely volunteer organization) – if make a contribution of \$100 to MNFRW – receive elephant jewelry, and increasing levels of contributions w/corresponding jewelry. Pam also recommended we bring in the Minnesota Voter's Alliance to a club meeting.

Club Business – Alexandra Matyja

- Approval of 4/16/16 Meeting Minutes; motion – Vicki Ernst made motion; motion carried.
 - Treasurer's report – Rita Hillmann Olson – presented report through May 31, 2016. Sharon Sykora made motion to accept the report; motion carried.
 - Next meeting 7/16/16, Senator David Hann, MN Senate Minority Leader, will be the speaker.
 - Volunteers for invocation and pledge – Invocation: Diane Weyrick and the Pledge: Vicki Ernst
 - Nominating Committee for election of officers – two year terms expire next May. Need to check with current officers to determine vacancies and then find candidates. Members appointed: Annette Thompson, Diane Weyrick, Mary Venkus.
 - Volunteers to review Bylaws to recommend potential new Committees such as Membership. Will continue discussion next month.
- Executive Committee meets monthly; upcoming dates are 7/7, 8/4, 9/8. All are welcome to attend.

Adjournment – 11:06 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room

APPROVED: _____ (Name, Title)

Date: _____