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# Southwest Conservative Republican Women Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by: **Sharon Sykora**

1. Call to Order:

The monthly SWCRW meeting was called to order at **9:07** a.m. on **01/18/2020** at Prior Lake City Hall.

1. Open Ceremonies:

Invocation and pledge of allegiance, introduction of new members and guests, and the volunteer hours binder was routed for completion.

1. Guest Speaker:

**Who** Senator Michelle Benson

**What** Senator Benson confirmed she is running again and shared her background. The Dept of Health and Human services doesn’t have accountability or training for new employees. There is no curiosity as to why numbers don’t match up. The culture is protective, insular and does not welcome input. The legislative auditor cannot keep up with all the referrals for investigation. Senator Rich Draheim is helping to push a bill to break up H&H. She also highlighted ideas for the $1.3B budget surplus.

**Action Request(s)** **1) Put pressure on Rep. Brad Tabke** **as to why he is not supporting HH breakup**; March is timing to keep pressure on bills to break up Dept of Health and Human services; **2)** **Help Sen Draheim** who has a TOUGH **re-election** opponent from a Democrat.

1. Club Business

The motion to approve the past month’s **Meeting Minutes** was made by Rita Hillmann Olson and seconded by Lori Clausen. The motion passed.

The motion to approve today’s **Treasurer’s Report** was made by Rita Hillmann Olson and seconded by Ann Boyd. The motion passed. Also, after today’s meeting the annual club audit will be conducted by Cathy Joubert, Sharon Sykora, Pat Hartell and Sue Holman-Sutich according to our club bylaws.

Next Executive Board Meeting: **7PM on Thursday, 2/27/2020, at Alexandra’s home**

Next Club Meeting/Topic: **Saturday, 2/15/2020, with Speaker Dave Racer on Healthcare**

Volunteers for **invocation- Ann Boyd, pledge- Missy Albachten, Speaker Greeter-Terri McCoulough and Rita will assign someone for Registration table**

Action Opportunities and Other Topics Discussed: Bryce Wisnewski, CD2 Regional Director for Trump Victory shared opportunities to help the campaign; Two CD2 US Rep Candidates introduced themselves, Erika Cashin and Tyler Kistner; Ann Boyd shared the following action opportunities: **March for Life-1/22**; **CD2 Committee Meetings on 1/28 & 3/24**; **Caucuses on Tuesday, 2/25**; **Presidential Primary-Early voting now with Primary on 3/3**; **SWCRW is hosting** the annual MNFRW **Day at the Capitol on 3/5** and **will need volunteers**; **ACTION: Identify BPOU Convention Dates and Locations when at your Caucus and bring to next club meeting**

Popcorn Minute: No time

1. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ann Boyd to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Rita Hillmann Olson. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at **11:07** a.m..