



Southwest Conservative Republican Women Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by: Sue Holman-Sutich

I. Call to Order:

The monthly SWCRW meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. on 6/19/21 at Spring Lake Town Hall.

II. Open Ceremonies:

Invocation and pledge of allegiance, introduction of new members and guests, recognized member birthdays, the volunteer hours binder and attendance sheets were routed for completion and the Constitutional Quiz was posed.

III. Guest Speaker:

Who: Catrin Wigfall, Policy Fellow at Center of the American Experiment (CAE) on The Future of Education in Minnesota – Introduced by Rita Hillman Olson_

What: Catrin discussed her research into the continued decline of Minnesota Public Schools, MN schools introducing Critical Race Theory into K-12 schools, as well as the 1st Draft of the new Social Studies Standards (which is mandated by State Law to be updated every 10 years and NOT subject to Legislative oversight). Her research shows that MN schools overall and in particular inner city schools are failing miserably to teach our kids how to read and write and are focusing more on turning our students into activists through implementing CRT – which is founded on Marxism – now focusing on race instead of traditional class based Marxism. The education gap for minority students continues to worsen throughout Minnesota but especially for inner city kids in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Action Request(s): Attend CAE's Raise Our Standards tour featuring Catrin and Kendall Qualls, get the word out to neighbors about CRT and the proposed Social Studies Standards (2nd draft due out in August), run for School Board, volunteer to review Textbooks (contact Catrin), get engaged with groups already fighting CRT and promoting school choice.

Club Business:

- **Elected Delegates and Alternates to the MNFRW Biennial Convention** being held 10/9/21 in St. Cloud. Delegates: Ann Boyd, Bridget Kane, Missy Albachten, Olga Volieka, Jenny Witt, Kristin Guerrette, Terry McCullough, Christine Erickson. Alternates: Alexandra Matyja, Sue Holman-Sutich, Pat Hartell, Jillayne Meyer, Becky Swanson, Diane Weyrick, Mary Venckus.
- Results of HR 1-10 research – SWCRW members presented the results of their findings in researching the top 10 bills proposed by the 2020-2021 US Legislators – results will be posted on the SWCRW website.
- Popcorn Minute Items:
 1. Katherine Kersten CAE discussion 6-21 at 52A&B meeting
 2. Raise Our Standards workshops – CAE, various dates/locations
 3. Facebook groups to follow: Informed Fully Aware Parents; Concerned Parents of ISD 196; Let Them Learn; Reopen Our Schools; OAK-Opportunity for All Kids; MN Parent Union; The Exodus MN; Dakota County Patriots; Take Charge MN
 4. Prior Lake American Censorship Battle
 5. Scott County Next Gen: Bowling and Brews
 6. Scott County BPOU needs Fair Booth volunteers 7/28-8/1
 7. Members asked to send event suggestions to info@swcrw.org to add to our social media
 8. Dakota County Patriots hosting outdoor event 7/14, 6-9 pm at Kieffer's Gardens in Rosemount

Next Club Meeting/Topic: Do More Than Just Vote – Discuss how to engage with School Boards and City Council and develop relationships with groups working to effect change

Volunteers for **Invocation:** Bridgett Kane; **Pledge Donlen Drill**

Volunteers for **Registration:** Donlan Drill **Speaker Greeter:** Kimberlee Wedel

Action Opportunities and Other Topics Discussed:

Popcorn Minute: Alexandra Matyja encouraged members to get involved and take action, that as an introvert she had no idea how to start a group but has been greatly encouraged by the growth of the SWCRW organization.

IV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mary Venkus to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Bridget Kane . The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.