

**Southwest Conservative Republican Women**

September 16, 2017

**Call to Order:** The SWCRW monthly meeting was held at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room, on September 16, 2017. The meeting convened at 9:03 a.m. President Alexandra Matyja presiding, and Mary Venckus, Secretary.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Anne Stelter and Mary Venckus. Introduction of new members and guests – Alexandra Matyja. Volunteer Hours binder passed out at meeting held today on September 16, 2017.

**Club Business – Alexandra Matyja**

* **Approval of 08/19/17 minutes** –Motion to approve by Ann Boyd, motion carried.
* **Approval** **of** **Treasurer’s** **Report** – Cathy Joubert. Submitted for audit. Motion to approve by Sharon Sykora; motion carried.
* **Membership** **Committee** **Report** – Annette Thompson. Encouraging members to renew before year end. Membership drive will be in October and November of this year.
* **Hospitality** **Committee** **Report** – Lori Clausen. No new report.
* **Communications** **Committee** **Report** – Diane Weyrick. No report. Diane Weyrick was not present at today’s meeting.
* **Invocation** **and** **Pledge** **volunteers** for 10/21/2017 meeting: Invocation – Annette Thompson. Pledge – Pat Hartell.
* **“Elf” volunteers to plan Club Christmas party for December meeting –** No one volunteered at today’s meeting. “Elf” volunteers will need to be established before or at the November club meeting.

**Announcements –**

* + **MNFRW Biennial State Convention in Duluth on October 7, 2017, followed by Board of Directors meeting.**
    - Car pool leaves at 5:00AM from Sharon Sykora’s home in Shakopee. 5:20AM stop at Southtown to meet others.
    - Possibly may need a 2nd vehicle if all Delegates and Alternates plan to attend.
  + **Our October 21st SWCRW club meeting will be downstairs and not in the Parkview Room (because of carpet cleaning). This meeting will be held at our usual location, Prior Lake City Hall. Kim Crockett will be the guest speaker.**
  + **Tuesday, November 7th – Vote in School Referendum if you reside in Prior Lake or Savage.**
  + **Saturday, November 18th SWCRW club meeting - Mike Franklin will be the guest speaker.**
* **Minnesota State Caucuses on Tuesday, February 6, 2018**
  + **Day at State Capital (includes meeting legislators) on March 8, 2018**
  + **Executive Committee meetings – Will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (September 19th and October 17th).**
* **Membership Committee – Membership Drive** – Annette Thompson, Ann Boyd and Sue Holman-Sutich talked about setting up a membership drive in October and November. Two different scripts were passed out as a help to us in inviting other Republican women to our meetings. A hat was passed around to each member. Approximately three names were drawn by each member to call and invite other Republican women that reside in Shakopee and Prior Lake to our club meetings. Prizes will be awarded at our December Christmas party meeting. Prizes will be awarded for the most invitees,

the most attendees, and the most new member sign ups. The main functions of the Membership Committee is to attain, retain, and help members.

* **Celebration of our club’s 2nd Anniversary –** Cake was passed out to members that were present at today’s meeting. Sharon Sykora did a presentation of “who we are and what our club is” and a review of our 2 year club history.
* **Review Republican Party of Minnesota and Political Calendars** –Presented by Sharon Sykora.

* **Off election year or odd election year 2017 –** Primary elections of municipal and school referendums on Tuesday, November 7th.
* **February caucus to November elections in 2018 –** Learn about the gubernatorial candidates. Go to the February caucus in your precinct and sign up to be a delegate or an alternate. If you sign up to be a delegate or an alternate: commit to attending the Minnesota State and the State Central Conventions.
* **Take action and make an impact** – Alexandra Matyja. Be an activist and take action on Twila Brase Action Alert for Congress and President Trump to repeal the Affordable Care Act in the next 24 days.
* **Urge Congress to vote and repeal every word and mandate.**
* **Urge Congress to pass a simple bill to repeal individual mandate.**
* **Urge Congress to refuse to fund CSR subsidiaries.**
* **Urge President Trump to stop unconstitutional CSR payments immediately.**
* **Urge President Trump to stop “special contribution” Obamacare payments for Congress and their staff.**
* **Popcorn Minute**
* **Alexandra Matyja –** Quick contact group of club members who are interested in coming to municipal meetings or events outside of our regular club meetings. A sign up list was passed around at today’s meeting.
* **Sharon Sykora –** NONOAA.ORG will have a rally on Thursday, September 21st in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to protest the proposed sanctuary and takeover by the Federal Government of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. Go to NONOAA.ORG or call 608-266-1212 for more information about this rally and how you can participate.
* **At 3 to 5 events if we should have our own booth or banner –** Members from our club will research this online.

Adjournment at 10:55 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**: October 21, 2017 – Go to the downstairs level (not Parkview Room) which is located in Prior Lake City Hall.

SWCRW Meeting Minutes Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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