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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 9:12 a.m. on 09/21/2019 at Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room.
2. Open Ceremonies: Invocation and pledge of allegiance, introduction of new members and guests, and the volunteer hours binder was routed for completion.
3. Constitutional Quiz: The Vice President becomes president upon the president's death, resignation, or incapacitation. But how is a Vice President replaced?
4. Guest Speaker:

**Who** Former Army Major and Author, Alan Duff

**What**  Alan Duff received a calling from God to “shine a light on darkness”. But he didn’t know what that meant. Shared some experiences as a County Commissioner which revealed the ugliness of politics including some one stealing funds. Also, a fellow Commissioner admitted he makes policy based on being self serving instead of serving the people when he said he would not support a bill for disabled veterans as long as he (Alan Duff) lived in the area. He understood what “Shine the light on darkness meant, the darkness of politics that is overtaking our government at MANY levels. This led to him writing his first book, “Fixing America’s Shattered Politics”. With people defining government’s role as that of helping those in need leads to OPM (other people’s money) SOCIALISM. We need to define the modern-day benefits of America’s great foundational values and the ‘ladder principle” of building a firm foundation where people are able to begin to climb the ladder. This led him to writing, :Restoring Hope Across America”.

**Action Request(s):** Talk to you family, friends and elected officials on conservative issues in a loving way. Know our founding principles and why they are more relevant to 2019 America than ever before. Stay Positive (Love TRUMPS hate). The power of GENEROSITY and CHARITY over gov’t. Belief in respect for each INDIVIDUAL. Win the 2020 “Superbowl”. Find what you are passionate about and focus on that to help restore our nation!

1. MN Republican Party Process Overview through the 2020 elections was shared by Sharon Sykora
2. Club Business
   1. The motion to approve the past month’s **Meeting Minutes** was made by Ann Boyd and seconded by Diane Weyrick. The motion passed.
   2. Motioned to postpone approval of today’s **Treasurer’s Report** until next month by Ann Boyd, 2nd by Pat Hartell. Motion passed.
   3. **Next Executive Board Meeting:** October 24th, 2019, since we moved up September meeting to the 19th
   4. **Next Club Meeting/Topic:** October 19th – Presenter will be Sifang Wu, MN Asian American Republican President
      * Meeting Volunteers: I**nvocation-**Terri Carroll, **pledge-**Mary Venckus, **Visitor Greeter**-Ann Boyd (arrive at 8:30), **Speaker Greater-**n/a
3. Club Announcements
   1. MNFRW Convention on 11/2 with volunteers: Sharon Sykora-Teller; Ann Boyd-Registration; Reviewed open CD2 Director role
   2. NFRW Convention – Shared that there is a proposal to increase annual dues and that we will advise the vote outcome next month as we begin our drive for Membership Renewals
4. SWCRW 4th Anniversary celebration with cake and conversations:
   1. Sharon Sykora shared:
      * **19th** **amendment** information and why it is both 99 and 100 years to celebrate
      * **Presented the 2020** election year challenge questions:
      1. How many seats for Republicans, Independents and Democrats are at play in US Senate 2020?

(need 3 answers)

* + 1. How many MN State Senator seats at play in 2020?
    2. How many US Representative seats for MN are there?
    3. How many MN State Rep seats are there?

**Bring answers to the October meeting to be entered into a patriotic prize drawing.**

* 1. Ann Boyd shared Take Action, Make an Impact information:
     + Ways to share the monthly meeting invite
     + encouraged everyone begin thinking about opportunities to commit to doing to make an impact in the 2020 election cycle (back of the agenda)
     + Rita shared her experience of providing a Bag of Hope
     + Shared that MN Young Republicans is a great source of activities
     + Connect with Rita Hillmann Olson for a carpool to the Protect Kids Rally on 9/22
     + Re-shared MN Speaking Proudly contest to encourage young ladies to participate

1. Answer to Constitutional Quiz: The 25th Amendment, ratified in 1965, provides that when the vice presidency is vacant, the president can appoint a new Vice President subject to confirmation by a majority of the Senate and the House. In 1974, when President Richard Nixon resigned, Vice President Gerald Ford became president. Ford then appointed former New York governor Nelson Rockefeller as vice president, and Rockefeller was confirmed by majorities in the House and Senate.
2. Adjournment: Motion was made by Pat Hartell to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mary Venckus. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:07a.m.