



Southwest Conservative Republican Women

DRAFT Minutes for February 20, 2016

Call to Order: The SWCRW monthly meeting was held at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room, on February 20, 2016. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. President Alexandra Matyja presiding, Lynn Spieker, Secretary.

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Melissa Enger and Lori Clausen. Welcome and introduction of new member – Alexandra Matyja.

Guest Speaker: John Helmberger, CEO, Minnesota Family Council. Gave an overview of 2015 Minnesota State legislative actions on issues impacting families. He also described Congressional life issues voting score cards. John talked about the baby body parts trafficking and fetal tissue research. Reviewed their 2016 prolife legislative goals. Reminded attendees that elections count and to get involved in the process.

Club Business:

- Approval of Minutes: motion by Pat Hartell to approve the January 16, 2016 meeting minutes, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: Rita Hillman Olson provided the February update and provided the secretary with a copy for the records. Club dues have been turned into the state (MNFRW). Motion by Sharon Sykora to approve the report, motion carried.
- Announcements – Alexandra Matyja:
 1. Volunteers for Invocation and the Pledge for March 19: Pledge –Invocation – Annette Thompson, Pledge – Lori Clausen
 2. March meeting –Networking/How to Get Involved in Campaigns
 3. Monthly meeting flyer will be sent with each reminder email
 4. Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2016 at Alexandra Matyja's house (email her for address and directions)
 5. Card for state MFRW member – please sign at this meeting
- Caucus and Debate Parties to Promote the SWCRW club – Sharon Sykora: encouraged members to host or attend a debate watch party: Thursdays 2/25 and 3/10. Invite friends and neighbors. Get inspired to sign up volunteer, register voters and become new club members. Straw ballot before and after the debate. Helps develop critical thinking skills. Promote SWCRW at the Republican precinct caucuses on March 1 – bring brochures, put in convener's packet.

Make an Impact – Take Action

Unionization of Daycare Providers Report – Becky Swanson. Provided an update on the ongoing struggle with daycare unionization and the current voting process and irregularities. Please take action and contact your state legislators on or after March 8th and ask them help stop this unionization effort. Links to the Minnesota Family Childcare website and Kim Crockett's StarTribune article will be sent to club members by the President.

Adjournment – 10:59 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room

APPROVED: _____ (Name, Title)

Date: _____