

Meeting Name	Hanover Republican Women's Club Monthly Meeting	Scribe	Donna Heath
Date/Time	Tuesday, May 16, 2013 6:00-8:00p	Location	Calabash Seafood Restaurant, Mechanicsville
Leader	Liza Bradford, President	Dial In:	n/a

Agenda

Item #	Subject	Presenter	Time
1.	Call to Order	Liza Bradford	
2.	Invocation	Fran Sadler	
3.	Pledge	Reeva Tilley	
4.	Mission Statement	Donna Heath	
5.	Secretary's Report	Donna Heath	
6.	Corresponding Secretary's Report	Mary Godsey	
7.	Treasurer's Report	Reeva Tilley	
8.	Guest Speaker – Brenda Rogers and Alex Stanley (Americans for Prosperity)	Liza Bradford	
9.	Committee Reports	All	

Minutes

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1)	Liza called the meeting to order after a time of networking and sign in. Special guests/visitors were introduced. Invocation, Pledge and the reading of the mission statement followed. The Treasurer's report and notification of meeting minutes delayed both online and hardcopy were noted.

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2)	<p>Guest Speakers: Brenda Rogers was introduced. Liza provided highlights of her service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees 8 Women’s clubs • Another fact (get from Liza’s bio read) • Another fact (get from Liza’s bio read) <p>Brenda reminded us to go back to Republican Core Beliefs; there were 8 attributes as Republicans and provided examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free Enterprise – offshore drilling – Individual Rights – “Republicans are for all people” – Fiscal Responsibility – exercise restraints – Limited Government - Constitutional limitations – Strong National Defense – peace is best preserved this way – Faith in God – recognized by our Founding Fathers; this is part of our moral fiber <p>Brenda provided insight into Hanover County which all found to be interesting and she thanked us for providing the support of our county officials, delegates, senators and our overall efforts to keep Hanover strong:</p> <p>Women consist of over 50% of our voting population; Hanover has 36 precincts; had the highest turnout for the 2012 Presidential election for Mitt Romney (82%), Hanover is an educated population – 92% are High School graduates, 32% college graduates; Hanover has over 83% homeownership (69% average in Virginia and 65% as the national average) and the median income is \$18,000 more than the rest of the state; we have the highest paid school teachers.</p> <p>She asked the question, what can we do for November votes? There are 10 ways to get the vote out and she provided examples:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HRWC visibility 2. Voter Campaign Offices 3. Making phone calls – suggested stating “we hope you vote the Republican ticket” since people don’t respond to calls; Julie noted that of the 2 million calls made in this last election, we only saw a 5% pull through. 4. Absentee votes – suggested to go to assisted living areas to set up non-partisan tables to register voters and/or obtain votes 5. Hanover Republican Committee 6. Bumper Stickers – be original but remember disclaimers “paid for by....”and Palm cards 7. Seeking College and High School Republicans – on campus voting. Students are willing to work through community service projects and most often obtain school credit 8. Write Letters – get with sister clubs to promote a common theme or catch phrase; anyone wishing to put their name to a pre-crafted letter can do so 9. Go door to door 10. Work Election Day <p>Why Vote the Republican Ticket?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Three (3) million eligible voters did not vote in the last Presidential election – The Governor appoints 4000 positions to commissions to interpret the regulations; the Lt Gov is the Senate tie breaker and the Attorney General chooses those battles to fight for the state

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3)	<p>Alex Stanley was introduced with Liza providing highlights of her service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked the Regional Field Campaign for Romney • Another fact • Another fact • Another fact <p>Alex shared her reason for getting into politics which started at a very young age. Most of her life (at least up to age 16), she woke up very early with her father and grandfather to milk the family farm cows, the family had to shut down the dairy portion of the cow business due to new regulations; she saw the government taking away her father's business. Thankfully, the family still has the 9 generation farm.</p> <p>She worked McCain's 2008 campaign and moved to Richmond four years ago. Most recently, she's worked with Americans for Prosperity because of their focus and belief in non-partisanship. This organization is non-profit, it's grass roots origins to hold politicians accountable. She encourages us to spread the word about this organization.</p> <p>Her region covers Central and Southside Virginia. The main focus is voter registration; there are approximately 500,000 eligible voters and mostly transplants from other areas. They are conservative, but not registered. Because of being non-partisan, they reach out to all, but will register conservator. Volunteers use IPADS as they go door to door. Their goal is to register 10,000 by end of June. Their office is located on Parham Road (the former GOP headquarters). The second focus is on using coal for energy and enjoy sharing this quip, "If you like electricity, thank a coalminer!". She provided a website address, noclimatetax.com which will expose the hidden energy tax.</p>
4)	<p>Business Meeting</p> <p>Chris Burnette is heading up the Young Republicans</p> <p>Nancy Russell provided a Convention update; there was a software glitch in the first round of voting; the company handling the process didn't anticipate the high volume and not prepared to run the weighted (calculated) vote and 180 ballots had to be counted by hand.</p> <p>The club wished to thank Del. Chris Peace for purchasing lunch for his region's convention delegation.</p> <p>Fran Sadler reminded the club of Buddy Fowler's upcoming campaign and run for Delegate to replace John Cox. She made a motion to provide seed money of \$100. Julie provided the 2nd and motion passed.</p> <p>Dave provided the State Central update; there will be a similar convention to take place in 2014 for the Senate race. A suggestion was made for him to take back to the planning committee and that was to show movies (or short American patriot films) during the waiting time between votes.</p> <p>Fay Williamson stated comments and suggestions should be sent of those areas for improvement and overall climate of the Convention Center</p>

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5)	<p>Old Business – Committee Reports</p> <p><u>Membership:</u> Alex Stanley submitted application and approved</p> <p><u>VFRW:</u> Jenny Mundy provided an update that Lynn Hamilton was appointed to serve on the Executive State Legislative committee as the Chair. She also recognized two birthdays; Angela Kelly-Wieczyk and Lynn Hamilton.</p> <p><u>Community Service:</u> We continue our focus on Hanover Save Place and the Humane Society.</p> <p><u>Fundraising:</u> no report, however we will be at the Strawberry Fair and need volunteers to man the table which will be next to the HRC table</p> <p><u>Scholarships:</u> Kristy shared we had one essay winner; Lindsay Wilkins is home schooled and associated with Atlee High School where she will receive her honor. Kristy asked the club to honor another essay participant with funds. Julie made the motion which she later amended to an equal \$500 scholarship with Nancy Flippen providing the 2nd. The motion passed. The club would like the essay winners to come to a HRWC meeting to be honored and to read their essay.</p>
6)	<p>Meeting Adjourned with the following reminders that are noted on the agenda:</p> <p>There will be a Governor's Small Business Summit hosted on July 5th (Wed) for small business owners as well as other interested guest. There will be break out sessions, exhibitors, state agencies in the agenda. The cost is \$55 to include lunch and closing reception.</p> <p>Walter Stosch is hosting a Veterans Forum on July 14 at the Department of American Legion headquarters at 10A</p> <p>The September HRWC meeting will honor the club for 30 years of service; the theme will be Pearls and the location pending is the Ashcreek Club House</p>

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Date and Time	<p>Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 6:00p at Calabash Restaurant Guest Speaker will be Delegate Chris Peace</p>
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