

Hanover Republican Women's Club
October 18, 2022 6:00 p. m.
Anna's Italian Restaurant
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Call to Order: President Nancy Russell

Welcome Special Guests: President Nancy Russell
Commonwealth's Attorney Trip Chalkley
Hanover Supervisor Michael Herzberg
Dr. John O'Bannon, Vice Chair, Virginia State Board of Elections
Philip Struther, Candidate for the newly formed 59th District
Brandie Gayton
Joey Fuci on behalf of First Congressional District Congressman Rob Wittman
Virginia State Senator Ryan McDougal

Invocation: Liza Bradford

HRWC Mission: Eileen Smith

Republican Creed: Fran Sadler

Minutes: In the absence of the recording Secretary at September's meeting, the Treasurer's report for September 2022 will be posted on the HRWC website.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sandra Paulus provided the following financial information:

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 9 / 20 / 2022: \$ 7158.98

RECEIPTS:

DUES: 2 reg. members @ \$35 each =	\$ 70.00	
1 assoc. member @ \$10 =	\$ 10.00	
Fundraising / contributions =	\$2425.00	
=	\$ 52.00	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</u>	\$ 2557.00	

CASH ON HAND FOR THE PERIOD: \$9715.98

DISBURSEMENTS:

Dues: 2 @ \$24 for VFRW &NFRW	\$ 48.00	
Women's Candidate Fund @		
\$2 per member	\$ 4.00	
HRWC Fundraiser	\$ 4014.30	[Hanover Golf Club 9.23.22]
Deposit for Hanover Tavern		
for 4/2022 Gala	\$ 500.00	
Speaker / Meals / Printing / etc.	\$ 57.72	

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$4624.02

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 10/18/2022 \$5091.96

Membership Report, Second Vice President

In the absence of the second vice-president due to illness, the report was deferred until the November 16, 2022 meeting.

Guest Speaker: Dr. John O'Bannon, Vice-Chair, Virginia Board of Elections

Dr. O'Bannon began by stating, "Elections will be fair in Virginia this year." He went on to explain that there are 133 'political entities' in Virginia, and that each has an Electoral Board, which is responsible for hiring their respective General Registrar. Every January, one member of each Electoral Board changes. The State Board of Elections now has 3 Republican members, and two Democrat members. It is their job to govern elections and provide guidance to the Va. Dept. of Elections. Susan Beales is the current Commissioner of the Virginia Board of Elections. [Note: "She really Knows election law."]

He asked those present, "Do you believe the 2020 Election was stolen?" and then continued by explaining that the Virginia General Assembly [at the time with a Democratic majority] changed the rules mid-stream. The changes caused 65% of Absentee Ballots statewide to be counted by CAP. The 'steal' occurred because of the rules of election being changed midyear.

Dr. Bannon indicated that Governor Youngkin's legislative initiatives include photo i.d.

Emergency COVID rules are no longer required.

Attorney General Jason Myares supports Republican suggestions for clean voting.

HRWC member Fran Sadler asked Dr. O'Bannon about 1500 non-citizen voters in Loudon County. He responded by saying that cleaning up voter roles is a perennial problem. "We are driving the train now, not the Democrats." Voter registries are updated weekly now. Death records are reported and corrected. Dr. O'Bannon encouraged anyone who has concerns about any aspect of the process, to contact the State Board of Elections.

Dr. O'Bannon gave an excellent overview, and was most appreciated by those members in attendance.

Additional Speakers / Announcements:

Phillip Struther, Republican Candidate for newly formed 59th Legislative District which includes portions of Henrico, Hanover, and Louisa Counties. He is a husband, father, business man, farmer, and attorney. Mr. Struther owns Phillip Carter Winery. He practices

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Education Law. His intent is to serve his constituents. He represents Parental Rights, and Advocates a Parental Rights Bill. He helped de-regulate the Virginia Wine industry. "I will be a reformer to REDUCE regulations and put money back in citizens' hands."

State Senator Ryan McDougal:

The mid-term elections are crucial. The 2023 Virginia General Assembly will reintroduce even better voter bills.

Joey Fuci, with Congressman Rob Wittman's Campaign:

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Joey reported that as of Oct. 18th, there had been about 14,500 Republican Early Voters, and about 11,000 Democrat Early Voters.

President Nancy Russell:

Dates to remember:

December 13, 2022	HRWC Christmas Party, Milestone Community Center, 6 pm
January 12, 2023	VFRW Legislative Day
April 21 – 23, 2023	RPV Advance
April 28, 2023	HRWC's 40 th Anniversary Gala, Hanover Tavern
May 19 – 21, 2023	VFRW Convention, Harrisonburg
May 26 – 28, 2023	RPV State Convention, Richmond

50/50 raffle was held. Sue Cobb won, and donated her proceeds to the club.

President Nancy Russell reminded members and guests to take a home baked cookie as they left.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Cobb
HRWC Recording Secretary

