

Hanover Republican Women's Club
March 21, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Anna's Italian Restaurant
Mechanicsville, Va.

Call to Order: President Nancy Russell

Welcome: President Nancy Russell

President Nancy Russell welcomed the following guests:

State Senator Ryan McDougle
State Delegate Scott Wyatt
Hanover County Sheriff Colonel David Hines
Cold Harbor Supervisor Michael Herzberg, Hanover County Board of Supervisors
Hanover County Commissioner of the Revenue Scott Harris
Candidates for local and state offices to serve Hanover County

Invocation: Tywanna Hampton

Pledge of Allegiance: President Nancy Russell

HRWC Mission Statement: Jenny Mundy

RPV Creed: Makenzie Babichenke

CLUB BUSINESS:

Recording Secretary's Report:

Corrections to the minutes from the HRWC meeting held February 21, 2023 have been made.
The corrected minutes are posted on the HRWC website.

Minutes from the HRWC meeting held March 21, 2023 are available for your review on the sign in table at the entry of our meeting room. The minutes have been forwarded to be posted on line at the HRWC website.

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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sandra Paulus gave the following financial report to those members and guests in attendance:

Balance on hand as of February 21, 2023: **\$5153.11**

RECEIPTS:

Deposits: **\$ 400.00**

Dues:
12 regular members @ \$40 / member: **\$ 475.00**
1 associate member @ \$10 / member: **\$ 10.00**

Fundraising / contributions: \$22.50 + \$130.00 contributions **\$ 152.50**

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$1037.50**

CASH ON HAND FOR THE PERIOD: **\$6210.61**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Dues:
13 @ \$24 each for VFRW and NFRW: **\$ 312.00**

Women's Candidate Fund [\$2 per member]: **\$ 26.00**

Speaker Meals / Printing / Misc.: **\$ 63.00**

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **\$ 401.00**

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MARCH 21, 2023: **\$5809.61**

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

In the absence of 2nd Vice President Jill Soniker, President Nancy Russell reported a new member, Mary Luce Devigney.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

The Community Services Project for March 21, 2023 is the Mechanicsville Christian Emergency Functions [MCEF]. Goods to the MCEF are collected on the table at the rear of the meeting room. Monetary donations [cash or checks made payable to MCEF] can be given to Tabetha West.

Guest speaker for the evening: State Senator Ryan McDougle

State Senator Ryan McDougle provided the membership with an update on the 2023 General Assembly. Among his comments were:

- The Senate of the Virginia General Assembly has a Democrat majority.
- The House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly has a Republican Majority.
- In the State Senate, the Democrats “stack” committees, creating an overwhelming majority of Democrat committee members, making it extremely difficult to pass bills generated by Republican committee members.
- Republican Senators have good ideas. Again this year, attempts were made to:
 - Shorten early voting
 - Require voter photo identification

With each legislative initiative presented to the Privileges and Elections Committee re: early voting and voter photo i. d.'s, the Democrat majority voted to “PBI – pass by indefinitely” the legislation. The bills died in committee.

Senator McDougle told the members in attendance of legislation that did pass, a bill to make the theft and re-sale of catalytic converters illegal. Delegate Scott Wyatt and Hanover Sheriff David Hines were involved in this initiative. Senator McDougle stressed how by working collaboratively within the county, legitimate legislation can be created and passed,

Senator McDougle reminded the membership and guests that Virginia is AAA bonded.

His final comments were related to the state-wide elections for all State Senators and State Delegates in the re-districted areas across the state. The Democratic Party is going to spend A LOT of money on these campaigns to maintain control in the State Senate and to gain control of the House of Delegates. He stressed the need for Virginians to vote, and vote Republicans into office.

Additional Speakers:

Delegate Scott Wyatt

Delegate Wyatt spoke of the actions of the House of Delegates, and legislative initiatives he had introduced / participated in working to pass. He too encouraged everyone to get out the vote for Republicans to serve in the General Assembly and in the Hanover County Government.

Candidate Speakers:

Michael Herzberg, Cold Harbor Board of Supervisors

Mr. Herzberg stressed the need in Hanover County to continue an APPOINTED School Board, continue to maintain a low tax rate, and work to guarantee a competitive work force.

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Travis Crown [Republican] and Yael Levin [Republican] are seeking election to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors in the position currently held by Democrat Faye Pritchett.

Craig Graven

Mr. Graven is a practicing attorney in Louisa County. He is running for State Delegate in the 59th District. He believes strongly in transparency in government.

Jeff Stoneman

Mr. Stoneman is a candidate for the Hanover Board of Supervisors, Beaverdam District. He does not support WOKE policies in schools and government.

Ryan McDougle

Yard signs are available in the rear of the meeting room as you exit the meeting.

Final Activities / Announcements:

HRWC 50/50:

\$87.00 total was collected. 50/50 was \$43.50

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 18 th	next HRWC Membership Meeting --- RPV Chairman Rich Anderson to speak
April 21-23	RPV ADVANCE, Richmond Marriott Hotel
April 28 th	HRWC 40 th Anniversary Gala, Hanover Tavern
May 19-21	VFRW State Convention, Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Convention Center, Harrisonburg, Va.

President Nancy Russell reminded all in attendance to take a cookie on the way home, and adjourned the meeting @ 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Cobb,
HRWC Recording Secretary