# Hanover Republican Women's Club Membership Meeting February 20, 2024 Anna's Italian Restaurant Mechanicsville, VA

Call to Order: President Tywana Hampton

The Call to Order was followed by the Invocation, Pledge, HRWC Mission Statement, and The Republican Creed

Sophia Fairman from Robb Wittman's campaign was introduced and advised the members and guests that she had brought campaign literature and was available for questions and signing of petitions for Robb to run for office

The campaign also needs all petitions to be turned in by March 20th.

President Hampton then welcomed guests and candidates for a variety of local and state positions. Hanover Republican Committee Chair Candidates Ryan Martin and Jack Dyer were both given time to give information

regarding their candidacy for this position and why they were interested in running. Mr Dyer gave a hand out of the Hanover County Republican Committee 2024 Vision & Initiatives. He further reminded Club members

that voting for the Republican Committee Chair was February 29th, 2024.

Recording Secretary's Report-Karen Starnes advised minutes from the January Executive and Membership meetings have been distributed to members and submitted to President Hampton.

## Treasurer's Report- Bernie Cornelius report as if 1/9/24 is as follows:

Balance on hand as of January meeting: \$5717.11

Total Receipts: \$1555.00 Cash on Hand: \$7272.11

#### Disbursements:

Dues #29@ \$24 \$626.00

VFRW/NFRW Admin Fee \$30.00 Women's Candidate Fund \$58.00

(\$2 per member)

Total Disbursements: \$784.00.

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 2/24/2024

\$6488.11

<u>Membership-</u> It was announced that Membership Directories were available for those who had not yet received them along with corrected inserts if needed.

<u>Community Service:</u> Tabitha West announced we will now be collecting items for various organizations quarterly rather than monthly. We will be donating to the Hanover Sheriff's Department for March/April

and they have asked us to give healthy snacks vs candy and they would prefer no fresh fruits.

President Hampton reminded Members to make sure they logged their Volunteer hours and has provided copies of Logs to put hours on for easy charting. She further reminded members to count drive times, meeting times, etc.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER- President Hampton asked for Volunteers to prepare for the Fundraiser and the following Members will organize the Gala: Fran Sadler, Liza Bradford and Nancy Russell.

<u>Legislation Day</u> - Nancy Russell reported that Govenor Youngkin and the First Lady of Virginia both spoke. Several Delegates and Senators came to the Luncheon and spoke and then the VFRW Members visited the

General Assembly. Nancy encouraged all Members to consider going to Legislation Day next year.

President Hampton reminded Members of important dates coming up:

February 29-Voting for Republican Committee Chairman

March 5- Last Day to vote in the Presidential Primary

March 12- Executive Meeting at Mexico Restaurant in Ashland

March 19- Next Membership Meeting at Anna's in Mechanicsville

Black History Month-President Hampton announced at each table were favors reminding us of the great Black Leader, Frederick Douglas (02/14/1818-02/20/1895) who said the following:

"I have one great political

idea... The best expression of it I have found in the Bible. It is the substance of scripture, 'Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is

a reproach to any people,

"Proverbs 14: 34. This constitutes my politics, and the whole of politics".

President Hampton invited all the members to take these favors and share them, and to support The Douglas Leadership Institute. She further shared information about Rev Dean Nelson who recently passed away and had

Supported the Douglas Leadership Institute which promotes Conservative values especially in the Black Community. To donate to this organization, contact www.dlinstitute.org

Jenny Mundy requested we get a Speaker from the Frederick Douglas

Institute for one of our upcoming meetings. Sue Cobb said she would check up on this.

# <u>Speaker</u>

First V.P. Sue Cobb introduced Speaker Russ Beyer who spoke about the Convention of States. The Convention of States is about Article V which is the only Constitutional method of amending the U.S. Constitution. Any

Amendment has to be ratified by 38 of the 50 states. In the Constitution, the Supreme Court Justices aren't Justices for life like everyone thinks. There are a lot of ridiculous and frivolous laws that have not been ratified by

all 38 states. As the Federal Government is out of control and the Constitution no longer limits the Federal Government, it is more important than ever that more people know about Article V and the need to get all States to

sign the Resolution. Mr Beyer advised that 19 states have already signed the Resolution. Mr Beyer further advised the framers of the Constitution unanimously agreed to Article V and suggested we read The Federalist

Papers and study the Constitution. Mr Beyer left the Members copies of a booklet containing the Constitution along with literature on the Convention of States. He asked that we sign the Petition he brought in order to present

to our Legislators for a Resolution.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Russell announced presentation of the Plaque donated by the Club to Tripp Chalkley will be March 7th at 4:00 pm at the Hanover Government Center.

Dottie Klotz,past HRWC Member, passed away and had collected Elephant jewelry.. Her Husband, Buddy is donating them to the Club.

President Hampton reminded Members of the secret auction at the back of the room and to sign any petitions they haven't signed already.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Starnes, HRWC Recording Secretary