

HRWC Membership Meeting
March 18, 2025
Anna's Italian Restaurant/Mechanicsville, VA

CALL TO ORDER- President Tywana Hampton

Invocation: Tywana

Pledge of Allegiance Tywana and Members

Mission Statement-Liza Bradford

RPV Creed- Member at Large

Recognition of Officials and Candidates: Wayne Hazzard, Trip Chalkley, Scott Wyatt, Jeff Stoneman, Mackenzie Babichenko, Jenny Mundy(VFRW Bylaws), Nancy Russell(VFRW 2ND VP), Liza Bradford(VFRW 1ST District Representative), Sue Hughes(VFRW 1ST VP), Chelle Davis(VFRW President), Buddy Fowler. Guests: Peggy and Kevin Koller.

Recording Secretary-Karen Starnes presented minutes from last meeting and accepted as written.

Corresponding Secretary Report-Gerri Nolan advised no report.

Treasurer's Report-Berni Cornelius submitted her report and gave March balance on hand as \$10,122.22.

2nd VP Membership-Jill Soneker-No current applications.

Scholarships-Chair Sherry Cash gave update on scholarship applications deadline will be March 30th, 2025.

Community Service-This month we are donating healthy snacks to the 911 Operators. For April we will be donating healthy snacks to the Ashland Police Department.

Announcements- Tywana reminded everyone that putting down our hours are all important for the scoring of Clubs in the VFRW. She also reminded members to sign petitions for Candidates which are circulating. Jenny Mundy and Nancy Russell are Co-Chairs for this year's VFRW Convention May 16-18 in Richmond. Liza Bradford, Faye Williamson and Sue Hughes are working on the Program for the Convention. The theme is "Make America Red Again". The Speakers will be Rob Wittman on Saturday morning, Michelle Easton, author of "How to Raise a Conservative Daughter". Jason Miyares will speak at the Luncheon. They have asked a Patrick Henry reenactor to perform. They are hoping to show a documentary film on Sex Trafficking. Dinner Saturday night will have Chris La Seveda as the speaker. For Sunday Breakfast, Winsome Sears will be speaking. Our Club is doing the decorations for the Convention so please sign up to help.

Americanism Project- Jenny Carlson is heading up this project and asking for us to bring food, personal items, travel toothbrushes, snacks, hand wipes, etc to the USO.

Hanover Republican Committee announced that their fundraiser, Reagan Day Dinner is April 12th and Jason Miyares will be the Keynote Speaker.

For National Women's History Month, Nancy Hazzard spoke about a project she has been working on with her Church as part of their Ministry. The project makes feminine hygiene products for girls in 3rd World countries such as countries in Africa. The problem is if girls start their period while in school they used to have to take off that week because they did not have feminine hygiene products available to use. This puts the girls at a disadvantage if they lose days of school every month. Many girls get behind in their studies and just quit school which sets them up for rape or even human trafficking. Nancy said they provide "period kits" with pads, wipes, underwear and even make dresses for the girls out of pillowcases. She requested That if anyone wants to help with this project, please donate material, pillowcases, and any of the aforementioned items.

Speaker is VFRW President Chelle Davis- She spoke about the importance of the VFRW and there are 40 Clubs, 1600 members and they want to increase the number of the members. The VFRW is the largest group of Women Conservative Activists. The Federation is considered an Auxillary group to the Central Republican Committee. Clubs can't give money to Federal candidates. Individuals can give up to \$199 but no more to due campaign finance laws. Chelle advised volunteers are needed at the RPV Headquarters to process candidate petitions.

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The Auction was orchestrated by Sean Davis and it was a success. The 50/50 raffle was won by Sabrina Robles and was split with \$42.50 each. The Club donated our half to the 911 Operators.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Starnes/HRWC Recording Secretary