



**Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas County
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
January 23, 2023**

The meeting was held at the Clearwater East Library with Zoom hybrid access.

1. President Karen Mullins called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked members to step forward to express interest in officer positions, given that personal circumstances may compel one or more early replacement of officers and that several important office positions will be subject to term limits; the current board members will provide mentorship and training to new officers well before our elections late this year.

Donna Dennis was thanked for organizing a wonderful Holiday Party, at which Cora Kosta received an Activist of the Year award. There was a moment of silence for the passing of Gerald Goen, long-time member and parliamentarian, and members were asked to send supportive messages to Janet Goen, former DWCUP and DWCFCL president.

2. Recording Secretary Diane Lebedeff delivered words of inspiration based on the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. She reported that minutes were up to date. She reminded members that our club procedure for minutes was that they were reviewed and approved by a minutes committee; the body approved a procedure that membership minutes will be posted on our club website after approval by the board, with membership retaining the right to move to amend at a membership meeting. The membership also unanimously approved amendments to the DWCUP Bylaws as requested by DWCFCL.

3. Treasurer Karen Miracle reported that DWCUP had [REDACTED] on deposit as of December 31, 2022, after payment of the bills for our December luncheon.

4. Second Vice President Ruthann Richwine reported we have 102 members. In attendance were 31 members and 6 guests, plus 8 persons attending online.

5. Cora Kostka advised that there is no pending Regional meeting. Donna Dennis encouraged members to sign up for our chapter's Tally Days on March 6th and 7th, and announced that the DWCFCL 2023 convention would be held in Orlando on April 27th through 30th.

6. The keynote speakers were Kathleen Beckman, Clearwater City Council member, and Jennifer Griffith, new chair of the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee.

7. Jean Siebenaler, DWCFL Legislative Chair, appeared on Zoom and advised us that last year's SB 90 cancelled all existing vote by mail requests despite failure of Supervisors of Election to so advise voters. She urged all members to re-register for vote by mail ballots forthwith.

8. Jennifer Webb will be our speaker for February and Rob Lorei will address the membership in March.

9. Door prizes were awarded.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lebedeff, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by a duly appointed Special Committee comprised of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The approval was so reported at a DWCUP board meeting held on the date below and, after review by the Board, no motion to amend was made and the minutes stand as set forth above.

Initials: /s/ DAL Date: 3/16/2023